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***"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE
MODERNIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVISION
OF OUTDOOR DINING."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 1-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 As used in this chapter and section 9 of this act, the following words
6 and phrases [shall] have the following meanings, except where such
7 terms are used in a context which clearly indicates the contrary:

8 (1) "Public agency" or "agency" means:

9 (A) Any executive, administrative or legislative office of the state or

10 any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency, any
11 department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official
12 of the state or of any city, town, borough, municipal corporation, school
13 district, regional district or other district or other political subdivision of
14 the state, including any committee of, or created by, any such office,
15 subdivision, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,
16 commission, authority or official, and also includes any judicial office,
17 official, or body or committee thereof but only with respect to its or their
18 administrative functions, and for purposes of this subparagraph,
19 "judicial office" includes, but is not limited to, the Division of Public
20 Defender Services;

21 (B) Any person to the extent such person is deemed to be the
22 functional equivalent of a public agency pursuant to law; or

23 (C) Any "implementing agency", as defined in section 32-222.

24 (2) "Meeting" means any hearing or other proceeding of a public
25 agency, any convening or assembly of a quorum of a multimember
26 public agency, and any communication by or to a quorum of a
27 multimember public agency, whether in person or by means of
28 electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the
29 public agency has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power.
30 "Meeting" does not include: Any meeting of a personnel search
31 committee for executive level employment candidates; any chance
32 meeting, or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for the
33 purpose of discussing matters relating to official business; strategy or
34 negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; a caucus of members
35 of a single political party notwithstanding that such members also
36 constitute a quorum of a public agency; an administrative or staff
37 meeting of a single-member public agency; and communication limited
38 to notice of meetings of any public agency or the agendas thereof. A
39 quorum of the members of a public agency who are present at any event
40 which has been noticed and conducted as a meeting of another public
41 agency under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act shall not
42 be deemed to be holding a meeting of the public agency of which they

43 are members as a result of their presence at such event.

44 (3) "Caucus" means (A) a convening or assembly of the enrolled
45 members of a single political party who are members of a public agency
46 within the state or a political subdivision, or (B) the members of a
47 multimember public agency, which members constitute a majority of
48 the membership of the agency, or the other members of the agency who
49 constitute a minority of the membership of the agency, who register
50 their intention to be considered a majority caucus or minority caucus, as
51 the case may be, for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act,
52 provided (i) the registration is made with the office of the Secretary of
53 the State for any such public agency of the state, in the office of the clerk
54 of a political subdivision of the state for any public agency of a political
55 subdivision of the state, or in the office of the clerk of each municipal
56 member of any multitown district or agency, (ii) no member is
57 registered in more than one caucus at any one time, (iii) no such
58 member's registration is rescinded during the member's remaining term
59 of office, and (iv) a member may remain a registered member of the
60 majority caucus or minority caucus regardless of whether the member
61 changes his or her party affiliation under chapter 143.

62 (4) "Person" means natural person, partnership, corporation, limited
63 liability company, association or society.

64 (5) "Public records or files" means any recorded data or information
65 relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used,
66 received or retained by a public agency, or to which a public agency is
67 entitled to receive a copy by law or contract under section 1-218,
68 whether such data or information be handwritten, typed, tape-recorded,
69 videotaped, printed, photostated, photographed or recorded by any
70 other method.

71 (6) "Executive sessions" means a meeting of a public agency at which
72 the public is excluded for one or more of the following purposes: (A)
73 Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance,
74 evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided

75 that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open
76 meeting; (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or
77 pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof,
78 because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party
79 until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise
80 settled; (C) matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of
81 security personnel, or devices affecting public security; (D) discussion
82 of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the
83 state or a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such
84 site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the
85 price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as
86 all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions
87 concerning same have been terminated or abandoned; and (E)
88 discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public
89 records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b)
90 of section 1-210.

91 (7) "Personnel search committee" means a body appointed by a public
92 agency, whose sole purpose is to recommend to the appointing agency
93 a candidate or candidates for an executive-level employment position.
94 Members of a "personnel search committee" shall not be considered in
95 determining whether there is a quorum of the appointing or any other
96 public agency.

97 (8) "Pending claim" means a written notice to an agency which sets
98 forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating the
99 intention to institute an action in an appropriate forum if such relief or
100 right is not granted.

101 (9) "Pending litigation" means (A) a written notice to an agency which
102 sets forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating
103 the intention to institute an action before a court if such relief or right is
104 not granted by the agency; (B) the service of a complaint against an
105 agency returnable to a court which seeks to enforce or implement legal
106 relief or a legal right; or (C) the agency's consideration of action to
107 enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right.

108 (10) "Freedom of Information Act" means this chapter.

109 (11) "Governmental function" means the administration or
110 management of a program of a public agency, which program has been
111 authorized by law to be administered or managed by a person, where
112 (A) the person receives funding from the public agency for
113 administering or managing the program, (B) the public agency is
114 involved in or regulates to a significant extent such person's
115 administration or management of the program, whether or not such
116 involvement or regulation is direct, pervasive, continuous or day-to-
117 day, and (C) the person participates in the formulation of governmental
118 policies or decisions in connection with the administration or
119 management of the program and such policies or decisions bind the
120 public agency. "Governmental function" shall not include the mere
121 provision of goods or services to a public agency without the delegated
122 responsibility to administer or manage a program of a public agency.

123 (12) "Electronic equipment" means any technology that facilitates
124 real-time public access to meetings, including, but not limited to,
125 telephonic, video or other conferencing platforms.

126 (13) "Electronic transmission" means any form or process of
127 communication not directly involving the physical transfer of paper or
128 another tangible medium, which (A) is capable of being retained,
129 retrieved and reproduced by the recipient, and (B) is retrievable in paper
130 form by the recipient.

131 Sec. 2. Section 1-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the
132 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

133 (a) Any denial of the right to inspect or copy records provided for
134 under section 1-210 shall be made to the person requesting such right
135 by the public agency official who has custody or control of the public
136 record, in writing, within four business days of such request, except
137 when the request is determined to be subject to subsections (b) and (c)
138 of section 1-214, in which case such denial shall be made, in writing,
139 within ten business days of such request. Failure to comply with a

140 request to so inspect or copy such public record within the applicable
141 number of business days shall be deemed to be a denial.

142 (b) (1) Any person denied the right to inspect or copy records under
143 section 1-210 or wrongfully denied the right to attend any meeting of a
144 public agency or denied any other right conferred by the Freedom of
145 Information Act may appeal therefrom to the Freedom of Information
146 Commission, by filing a notice of appeal with said commission. A notice
147 of appeal shall be filed not later than thirty days after such denial, except
148 in the case of an unnoticed or secret meeting, in which case the appeal
149 shall be filed not later than thirty days after the person filing the appeal
150 receives actual or constructive notice that such meeting was held. For
151 purposes of this subsection, such notice of appeal shall be deemed to be
152 filed on the date it is received by said commission or on the date it is
153 postmarked, if received more than thirty days after the date of the denial
154 from which such appeal is taken. Upon receipt of such notice, the
155 commission shall serve upon all parties, by certified or registered mail
156 or by electronic transmission, a copy of such notice together with any
157 other notice or order of such commission. In the case of the denial of a
158 request to inspect or copy records contained in a public employee's
159 personnel or medical file or similar file under subsection (c) of section 1-
160 214, the commission shall include with its notice or order an order
161 requiring the public agency to notify any employee whose records are
162 the subject of an appeal, and the employee's collective bargaining
163 representative, if any, of the commission's proceedings and, if any such
164 employee or collective bargaining representative has filed an objection
165 under said subsection (c), the agency shall provide the required notice
166 to such employee and collective bargaining representative by certified
167 mail, return receipt requested, by electronic transmission or by hand
168 delivery with a signed receipt. A public employee whose personnel or
169 medical file or similar file is the subject of an appeal under this
170 subsection may intervene as a party in the proceedings on the matter
171 before the commission. Said commission shall, after due notice to the
172 parties, hear and decide the appeal within one year after the filing of the
173 notice of appeal. The commission shall adopt regulations in accordance

174 with chapter 54, establishing criteria for those appeals which shall be
175 privileged in their assignment for hearing. Any such appeal shall be
176 heard not later than thirty days after receipt of a notice of appeal and
177 decided not later than sixty days after the hearing. If a notice of appeal
178 concerns an announced agency decision to meet in executive session or
179 an ongoing agency practice of meeting in executive sessions, for a stated
180 purpose, the commission or a member or members of the commission
181 designated by its chairperson shall serve notice upon the parties in
182 accordance with this section and hold a preliminary hearing on the
183 appeal not later than seventy-two hours after receipt of the notice,
184 provided such notice shall be given to the parties at least forty-eight
185 hours prior to such hearing. During such preliminary hearing, the
186 commission shall take evidence and receive testimony from the parties.
187 If after the preliminary hearing the commission finds probable cause to
188 believe that the agency decision or practice is in violation of sections 1-
189 200, as amended by this act, and 1-225, as amended by this act, the
190 agency shall not meet in executive session for such purpose until the
191 commission decides the appeal. If probable cause is found by the
192 commission, it shall conduct a final hearing on the appeal and render its
193 decision not later than five days after the completion of the preliminary
194 hearing. Such decision shall specify the commission's findings of fact
195 and conclusions of law.

196 (2) In any appeal to the Freedom of Information Commission under
197 subdivision (1) of this subsection or subsection (c) of this section, the
198 commission may confirm the action of the agency or order the agency
199 to provide relief that the commission, in its discretion, believes
200 appropriate to rectify the denial of any right conferred by the Freedom
201 of Information Act. The commission may declare null and void any
202 action taken at any meeting which a person was denied the right to
203 attend and may require the production or copying of any public record.
204 In addition, upon the finding that a denial of any right created by the
205 Freedom of Information Act was without reasonable grounds and after
206 the custodian or other official directly responsible for the denial has
207 been given an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in

208 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, the commission
209 may, in its discretion, impose against the custodian or other official a
210 civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one thousand
211 dollars. If the commission finds that a person has taken an appeal under
212 this subsection frivolously, without reasonable grounds and solely for
213 the purpose of harassing the agency from which the appeal has been
214 taken, after such person has been given an opportunity to be heard at a
215 hearing conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184,
216 inclusive, the commission may, in its discretion, impose against that
217 person a civil penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one
218 thousand dollars. The commission shall notify a person of a penalty
219 levied against him pursuant to this subsection by written notice sent by
220 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission. If a person fails to
221 pay the penalty within thirty days of receiving such notice, the Superior
222 Court shall, on application of the commission, issue an order requiring
223 the person to pay the penalty imposed. If the executive director of the
224 commission has reason to believe an appeal under subdivision (1) of this
225 subsection or subsection (c) of this section (A) presents a claim beyond
226 the commission's jurisdiction; (B) would perpetrate an injustice; or (C)
227 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process,
228 the executive director shall not schedule the appeal for hearing without
229 first seeking and obtaining leave of the commission. The commission
230 shall provide due notice to the parties and review affidavits and written
231 argument that the parties may submit and grant or deny such leave
232 summarily at its next regular meeting. The commission shall grant such
233 leave unless it finds that the appeal: (i) Does not present a claim within
234 the commission's jurisdiction; (ii) would perpetrate an injustice; or (iii)
235 would constitute an abuse of the commission's administrative process.
236 Any party aggrieved by the commission's denial of such leave may
237 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
238 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such leave was denied,
239 for an order requiring the commission to hear such appeal.

240 (3) In making the findings and determination under subdivision (2)
241 of this subsection the commission shall consider the nature of any

242 injustice or abuse of administrative process, including but not limited
243 to: (A) The nature, content, language or subject matter of the request or
244 the appeal, including, among other factors, whether the request or
245 appeal is repetitious or cumulative; (B) the nature, content, language or
246 subject matter of prior or contemporaneous requests or appeals by the
247 person making the request or taking the appeal; (C) the nature, content,
248 language or subject matter of other verbal and written communications
249 to any agency or any official of any agency from the person making the
250 request or taking the appeal; (D) any history of nonappearance at
251 commission proceedings or disruption of the commission's
252 administrative process, including, but not limited to, delaying
253 commission proceedings; and (E) the refusal to participate in settlement
254 conferences conducted by a commission ombudsman in accordance
255 with the commission's regulations.

256 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary,
257 in the case of an appeal to the commission of a denial by a public agency,
258 the commission may, upon motion of such agency, confirm the action of
259 the agency and dismiss the appeal without a hearing if it finds, after
260 examining the notice of appeal and construing all allegations most
261 favorably to the appellant, that (A) the agency has not violated the
262 Freedom of Information Act, or (B) the agency has committed a technical
263 violation of the Freedom of Information Act that constitutes a harmless
264 error that does not infringe the appellant's rights under said act.

265 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, a public agency
266 may petition the commission for relief from a requester that the public
267 agency alleges is a vexatious requester. Such petition shall be sworn
268 under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-157b, and
269 shall detail the conduct which the agency alleges demonstrates a
270 vexatious history of requests, including, but not limited to: (A) The
271 number of requests filed and the total number of pending requests; (B)
272 the scope of the requests; (C) the nature, content, language or subject
273 matter of the requests; (D) the nature, content, language or subject
274 matter of other oral and written communications to the agency from the
275 requester; and (E) a pattern of conduct that amounts to an abuse of the

276 right to access information under the Freedom of Information Act or an
277 interference with the operation of the agency. Upon receipt of such
278 petition, the executive director of the commission shall review the
279 petition and determine whether it warrants a hearing. If the executive
280 director determines that a hearing is not warranted, the executive
281 director shall recommend that the commission deny the petition
282 without a hearing. The commission shall vote at its next regular meeting
283 after such recommendation to accept or reject such recommendation
284 and, after such meeting, shall issue a written explanation of the reasons
285 for such acceptance or rejection. If the executive director determines that
286 a hearing is warranted, the commission shall serve upon all parties, by
287 certified or registered mail or electronic transmission, a copy of such
288 petition together with any other notice or order of the commission. The
289 commission shall, after due notice to the parties, hear and either grant
290 or deny the petition within one year after its filing. Upon a grant of such
291 petition, the commission may provide appropriate relief commensurate
292 with the vexatious conduct, including, but not limited to, an order that
293 the agency need not comply with future requests from the vexatious
294 requester for a specified period of time, but not to exceed one year. Any
295 party aggrieved by the commission's granting of such petition may
296 apply to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain, within
297 fifteen days of the commission meeting at which such petition was
298 granted, for an order reversing the commission's decision.

299 (c) Any person who does not receive proper notice of any meeting of
300 a public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of
301 Information Act may appeal under the provisions of subsection (b) of
302 this section. A public agency of the state shall be presumed to have given
303 timely and proper notice of any meeting as provided for in said
304 Freedom of Information Act if notice is given in the Connecticut Law
305 Journal or a Legislative Bulletin. A public agency of a political
306 subdivision shall be presumed to have given proper notice of any
307 meeting, if a notice is timely sent under the provisions of said Freedom
308 of Information Act by (1) first-class mail to the address, or (2) electronic
309 transmission to the information processing system, as defined in section

310 1-267, indicated in the request of the person requesting the same. If such
311 commission determines that notice was improper, it may, in its sound
312 discretion, declare any or all actions taken at such meeting null and
313 void.

314 (d) Any party aggrieved by the decision of said commission may
315 appeal therefrom, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.
316 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-183, in any such appeal of
317 a decision of the commission, the court may conduct an in camera
318 review of the original or a certified copy of the records which are at issue
319 in the appeal but were not included in the record of the commission's
320 proceedings, admit the records into evidence and order the records to
321 be sealed or inspected on such terms as the court deems fair and
322 appropriate, during the appeal. The commission shall have standing to
323 defend, prosecute or otherwise participate in any appeal of any of its
324 decisions and to take an appeal from any judicial decision overturning
325 or modifying a decision of the commission. If aggrievement is a
326 jurisdictional prerequisite to the commission taking any such appeal,
327 the commission shall be deemed to be aggrieved. Notwithstanding the
328 provisions of section 3-125, legal counsel employed or retained by said
329 commission shall represent said commission in all such appeals and in
330 any other litigation affecting said commission. Notwithstanding the
331 provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-183 and section 52-64, all process
332 shall be served upon said commission at its office. Any appeal taken
333 pursuant to this section shall be privileged in respect to its assignment
334 for trial over all other actions except writs of habeas corpus and actions
335 brought by or on behalf of the state, including informations on the
336 relation of private individuals. Nothing in this section shall deprive any
337 party of any rights he may have had at common law prior to January 1,
338 1958. If the court finds that any appeal taken pursuant to this section or
339 section 4-183 is frivolous or taken solely for the purpose of delay, it shall
340 order the party responsible therefor to pay to the party injured by such
341 frivolous or dilatory appeal costs or attorney's fees of not more than one
342 thousand dollars. Such order shall be in addition to any other remedy
343 or disciplinary action required or permitted by statute or by rules of

344 court.

345 (e) Within sixty days after the filing of a notice of appeal alleging
346 violation of any right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act
347 concerning records of the Department of Energy and Environmental
348 Protection relating to the state's hazardous waste program under
349 sections 22a-448 to 22a-454, inclusive, the Freedom of Information
350 Commission shall, after notice to the parties, hear and decide the appeal.
351 Failure by the commission to hear and decide the appeal within such
352 sixty-day period shall constitute a final decision denying such appeal
353 for purposes of this section and section 4-183. On appeal, the court may,
354 in addition to any other powers conferred by law, order the disclosure
355 of any such records withheld in violation of the Freedom of Information
356 Act and may assess against the state reasonable attorney's fees and other
357 litigation costs reasonably incurred in an appeal in which the
358 complainant has prevailed against the Department of Energy and
359 Environmental Protection.

360 Sec. 3. Section 1-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

362 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
363 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, as amended by this act, shall
364 be open to the public and, in addition, may be accessible to the public
365 by means of electronic equipment or by means of electronic equipment
366 in conjunction with an in-person meeting. Any public agency that
367 conducts a meeting, other than an executive session or emergency
368 special meeting, as described in this section, solely by means of
369 electronic equipment, shall (1) provide any member of the public (A)
370 upon written request submitted not less than twenty-four hours prior to
371 such meeting, with a physical location and any electronic equipment
372 necessary to attend such meeting in real-time, and (B) the same
373 opportunities to provide comment or testimony and otherwise
374 participate in such meeting that such member of the public would be
375 accorded if such meeting were held in person; (2) ensure that such
376 meeting is recorded or transcribed, excluding any portion of the meeting

377 that is an executive session, and such transcription or recording is
378 posted on the agency's Internet web site and made available to the
379 public to view, listen and copy in the agency's office or regular place of
380 business not later than seven days after the meeting and for not less than
381 forty-five days thereafter; and (3) if a quorum of the members of a public
382 agency attend a meeting by means of electronic equipment from the
383 same physical location, permit members of the public to attend such
384 meeting in such physical location. Any public agency that conducts a
385 meeting by means of electronic equipment or by means of electronic
386 equipment in conjunction with an in-person meeting shall provide
387 members of the public agency the opportunity to participate by means
388 of electronic equipment. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
389 to require a public agency to offer members of the public who attend a
390 meeting by means of electronic equipment the opportunity for public
391 comment, testimony or other participation if the provision of such
392 opportunity is not required by law for members of the public who
393 attend such a meeting in person.

394 (b) The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any
395 issue before such public agency shall be reduced to writing, [and] made
396 available for public inspection within forty-eight hours and [shall also
397 be] recorded in the minutes of the [session] meeting at which taken. Any
398 vote taken at a meeting during which any member participates by
399 means of electronic equipment shall be taken by roll call, unless the vote
400 is unanimous. Such minutes shall record a list of members that attended
401 such meeting in person and a list of members that attended such
402 meeting by means of electronic equipment. Not later than seven days
403 after the date of the [session] meeting to which such minutes refer, such
404 minutes shall be available for public inspection and posted on such
405 public agency's Internet web site, if available, except that no public
406 agency of a political subdivision of the state shall be required to post
407 such minutes on an Internet web site. Each public agency shall make,
408 keep and maintain a record of the proceedings of its meetings.

409 [(b)] (c) Each such public agency of the state shall file not later than
410 January thirty-first of each year in the office of the Secretary of the State

411 the schedule of the regular meetings of such public agency for the
412 ensuing year and shall post such schedule on such public agency's
413 Internet web site, if available, except that such requirements shall not
414 apply to the General Assembly, either house thereof or to any committee
415 thereof. Any other provision of the Freedom of Information Act
416 notwithstanding, the General Assembly at the commencement of each
417 regular session in the odd-numbered years, shall adopt, as part of its
418 joint rules, rules to provide notice to the public of its regular, special,
419 emergency or interim committee meetings. The chairperson or secretary
420 of any such public agency of any political subdivision of the state shall
421 file, not later than January thirty-first of each year, with the clerk of such
422 subdivision the schedule of regular meetings of such public agency for
423 the ensuing year, and no such meeting of any such public agency shall
424 be held sooner than thirty days after such schedule has been filed. The
425 chief executive officer of any multitown district or agency shall file, not
426 later than January thirty-first of each year, with the clerk of each
427 municipal member of such district or agency, the schedule of regular
428 meetings of such public agency for the ensuing year, and no such
429 meeting of any such public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days
430 after such schedule has been filed.

431 [(c)] (d) The agenda of [the regular meetings of every] any regular
432 meeting of a public agency, except for the General Assembly, shall be
433 available to the public and shall be filed, not less than twenty-four hours
434 before the [meetings] meeting to which [they refer,] it refers (1) in such
435 agency's regular office or place of business, [and] (2) in the office and on
436 the Internet web site of the Secretary of the State for any such public
437 agency of the state, in the office of the clerk of such subdivision for any
438 public agency of a political subdivision of the state or in the office of the
439 clerk of each municipal member of any multitown district or agency, [.]
440 For any such public agency of the state, such agenda shall be posted on
441 the public agency's and the Secretary of the State's web sites] and (3) on
442 such public agency's Internet web site, if such public agency maintains
443 an Internet web site. If such public agency maintains an Internet web
444 site, not less than twenty-four hours before such meeting, such public

445 agency shall post on its Internet web site (A) any records subject to
446 disclosure pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1-210 that were prepared
447 prior to the meeting by such public agency or any party to a matter on
448 the meeting agenda that will be introduced by a member of such public
449 agency or such public agency's staff during such meeting, including, but
450 not limited to, applications before such public agency, and (B)
451 instructions for the public to, by means of electronic equipment or in
452 person, attend and provide comment, vote or otherwise participate in
453 such meeting, as applicable. Upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of
454 the members of a public agency present and voting, any subsequent
455 business not included in such filed [agendas] agenda may be considered
456 and acted upon at such meetings.

457 [(d)] (e) Notice of each special meeting of every public agency, except
458 for the General Assembly, either house thereof or any committee
459 thereof, shall be posted not less than twenty-four hours before the
460 meeting to which such notice refers on the public agency's Internet web
461 site, if available, and given not less than twenty-four hours prior to the
462 time of such meeting by filing a notice of the time and place thereof in
463 the office of the Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the
464 state, in the office of the clerk of such subdivision for any public agency
465 of a political subdivision of the state and in the office of the clerk of each
466 municipal member for any multitown district or agency. The secretary
467 or clerk shall cause any notice received under this section to be posted
468 in his office. Such notice shall be given not less than twenty-four hours
469 prior to the time of the special meeting; provided, in case of emergency,
470 except for the General Assembly, either house thereof or any committee
471 thereof, any such special meeting may be held without complying with
472 the foregoing requirement for the filing of notice but a copy of the
473 minutes of every such emergency special meeting adequately setting
474 forth the nature of the emergency and the proceedings occurring at such
475 meeting shall be filed with the Secretary of the State, the clerk of such
476 political subdivision, or the clerk of each municipal member of such
477 multitown district or agency, as the case may be, not later than seventy-
478 two hours following the holding of such meeting. The notice shall (1)

479 specify the time and place of the special meeting, [and] (2) specify the
480 business to be transacted, and (3) include instructions for the public to,
481 by means of electronic equipment or in person, attend and provide
482 comment, vote or otherwise participate in the special meeting, as
483 applicable and permitted by law. Nothing in this subsection shall be
484 construed to require a public agency that conducts a meeting by means
485 of electronic equipment to offer the opportunity for public comment or
486 testimony, voting or other participation if the provision of such
487 opportunity is not required by law. No other business shall be
488 considered at such meetings by such public agency. In addition, such
489 written notice shall be delivered by mail to the usual place of abode of
490 or by electronic transmission to each member of the public agency so
491 that the same is received prior to such special meeting. The requirement
492 of delivery or transmission of such [written] notice may be dispensed
493 with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes
494 files with the clerk or secretary of the public agency a written waiver of
495 delivery or transmission of such notice. Such waiver may be given by
496 [telegram] electronic transmission. The requirement of delivery or
497 transmission of such [written] notice may also be dispensed with as to
498 any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it
499 convenes. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any
500 agency from adopting more stringent notice requirements.

501 [(e)] (f) No member of the public shall be required, as a condition to
502 attendance at a meeting of any such body, to register the member's
503 name, or furnish other information, or complete a questionnaire or
504 otherwise fulfill any condition precedent to the member's attendance,
505 except in the event that a public agency determines that any such
506 requirement is necessary to control public access to a meeting conducted
507 by means of electronic equipment to ensure the orderly conduct of such
508 meeting consistent with the provisions of section 1-232, as amended by
509 this act.

510 (g) Any member of a public agency or the public who participates
511 orally in a meeting of a public agency conducted by means of electronic
512 equipment shall make a good faith effort to state such member's name

513 and title, if applicable, at the outset of each occasion that such member
514 participates orally during an uninterrupted dialogue or series of
515 questions and answers.

516 [(f)] (h) A public agency may hold an executive session, as defined in
517 subdivision (6) of section 1-200, as amended by this act, upon an
518 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of such body present and
519 voting, taken at a public meeting and stating the reasons for such
520 executive session, as defined in section 1-200, as amended by this act.

521 [(g)] (i) In determining the time within which or by when a notice,
522 agenda, record of votes or minutes of a special meeting or an emergency
523 special meeting are required to be filed under this section, Saturdays,
524 Sundays, legal holidays and any day on which the office of the agency,
525 the Secretary of the State or the clerk of the applicable political
526 subdivision or the clerk of each municipal member of any multitown
527 district or agency, as the case may be, is closed, shall be excluded.

528 Sec. 4. Section 1-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the
529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

530 The public agency shall, where practicable, give notice by mail or
531 electronic transmission of each regular meeting, and of any special
532 meeting which is called, at least one week prior to the date set for the
533 meeting, to any person who has filed a written request for such notice
534 with such body, except that such body may give such notice as it deems
535 practical of special meetings called less than seven days prior to the date
536 set for the meeting. Such notice requirement shall not apply to the
537 General Assembly, either house thereof or to any committee thereof.
538 Any request for notice filed pursuant to this section shall be valid for
539 one year from the date on which it is filed unless a renewal request is
540 filed. Renewal requests for notice shall be filed within thirty days after
541 January first of each year. Such public agency may establish a reasonable
542 charge for sending such notice based on the estimated cost of providing
543 such service.

544 Sec. 5. Section 1-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the

545 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

546 The public agency may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a
547 time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a
548 quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all members are absent
549 from any regular meeting the clerk or the secretary of such body may
550 declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and shall cause
551 a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as
552 provided in section 1-225, as amended by this act, for special meetings,
553 unless such notice is waived as provided for special meetings. A copy
554 of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on
555 or near the door of the place where the regular or special meeting was
556 held and on the Internet web site of the public agency, if applicable,
557 within twenty-four hours after the time of the adjournment. When an
558 order of adjournment of any meeting fails to state the hour at which the
559 adjourned meeting is to be held, it shall be held at the hour specified for
560 regular meetings, by ordinance, resolution, by law or other rule.

561 Sec. 6. Section 7-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
562 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

563 All towns, when lawfully assembled for any purpose other than the
564 election of town officers, and all societies and other municipal
565 corporations when lawfully assembled, shall choose a moderator to
566 preside at such meetings, unless otherwise provided by law; and, except
567 as otherwise provided by law, all questions arising in such meetings
568 shall be decided in accordance with standard parliamentary practice,
569 and towns, societies and municipal corporations may, by ordinance,
570 adopt rules of order for the conduct of their meetings. At any such town
571 meeting the moderator shall be chosen from the last-completed registry
572 list of such town. Two hundred or more persons or ten per cent of the
573 total number qualified to vote in the meeting of a town or other
574 municipal corporation, whichever is less, may petition the clerk or
575 secretary of such town or municipal corporation, in writing, at least
576 twenty-four hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item
577 or items on the call of such meeting be submitted to the persons

578 qualified to vote in such meeting not less than seven nor more than
579 fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the town meeting or, if
580 the town meeting does not set a date, by the town selectmen, for a vote
581 by paper ballots or by a "Yes" or "No" vote on the voting machines,
582 during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and eight o'clock p.m.;
583 but any municipality may, any provision of any special act to the
584 contrary notwithstanding, by vote of its legislative body provide for an
585 earlier hour for opening the polls but not earlier than six o'clock a.m.
586 The selectmen of the town may, not less than five days prior to the day
587 of any such meeting, on their own initiative, remove any item on the call
588 of such meeting for submission to the voters in the manner provided by
589 this section or may submit any item which, in the absence of such a vote,
590 could properly come before such a meeting to the voters at a date set for
591 such vote or along with any other vote the date of which has been
592 previously set. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels [, as the
593 case may be,] shall be provided by such clerk or secretary. When such a
594 petition has been filed with such clerk or secretary, the moderator of
595 such meeting, after completion of other business and after reasonable
596 discussion, shall adjourn such meeting and order such vote on such item
597 or items in accordance with the petition; and any item so voted may be
598 rescinded in the same manner. If such moderator resigns or is for any
599 other cause unable to serve as moderator at such adjourned meeting,
600 such clerk or secretary shall serve, or may appoint an elector of such
601 municipality to serve, as moderator of such adjourned meeting. Such
602 clerk or secretary, as the case may be, shall phrase such item or items in
603 a form suitable for printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels, or
604 viewing, if such vote is taken by means of electronic equipment, as
605 defined in section 1-200, as amended by this act, provided that the
606 designation of any such item shall be in the form of a question, as
607 prescribed under section 9-369. The vote on any item on the call of a
608 town or other municipal corporation shall be taken by paper ballot if so
609 voted at the meeting, if no petition has been filed under this section with
610 reference to such item, except that any person attending the meeting by
611 means of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-200, as amended
612 by this act, may be permitted to vote by such means, provided the

613 moderator, clerk or secretary is able to see and hear such person and
614 authenticate that such person is eligible to vote pursuant to section 7-6.

615 Sec. 7. Section 7-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
616 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

617 The moderator of any town meeting, and of any meeting of any
618 society or other community lawfully assembled, may, when any
619 disorder arises in the meeting and the offender refuses to submit to the
620 moderator's lawful authority, order any proper officer to take the
621 offender into custody and, if necessary, to remove the offender from
622 such meeting until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until
623 such meeting is closed, and thereupon such officer shall have power to
624 command all necessary assistance. Any person refusing to assist when
625 commanded shall be liable to the same penalties as for refusing to assist
626 constables in the execution of their duties; but no person commanded to
627 assist shall be deprived of such person's right to act in the meeting, nor
628 shall the offender be so deprived any longer than the offender refuses
629 to conform to order. If such offender is attending such meeting by means
630 of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-200, as amended by this
631 act, the moderator may terminate such offender's attendance by
632 electronic equipment until such time as the offender conforms to order
633 or, if need be, until such meeting is closed.

634 Sec. 8. Section 1-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
635 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

636 In the event that any meeting of a public agency is interrupted by any
637 person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such
638 meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of
639 individuals who are wilfully interrupting the meetings, the members of
640 the agency conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared
641 and continue in session. If such person or group of persons is attending
642 such meeting by means of electronic equipment, as defined in section 1-
643 200, as amended by this act, the members of the public agency may
644 terminate such person's or group of persons' attendance by electronic

645 equipment until such time as such person or group of persons conforms
646 to order or, if need be, until such meeting is closed. Only matters
647 appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Duly
648 accredited representatives of the press or other news media, except
649 those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any
650 session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall
651 prohibit such public agency from establishing a procedure for
652 readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for wilfully
653 disturbing the meeting.

654 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section,
655 "municipal board or commission" means any (1) board of selectmen, city
656 council, town council, board of representatives, board of alderman,
657 warden and burgesses, representative town meeting or equivalent
658 legislative body, except for a town meeting; (2) local or regional board
659 of education; (3) board of finance or equivalent board with budget-
660 making authority; (4) zoning commission, combined planning and
661 zoning commission or zoning board of appeals; (5) board of ethics; (6)
662 charter revision commission; (7) police commission; (8) fire commission;
663 or (9) inland wetlands commission or equivalent commission.

664 (b) On and after July 1, 2022, any executive branch state agency,
665 except the offices of the Comptroller, State Treasurer, Attorney General
666 and Secretary of the State, or municipal board or commission, whether
667 meeting in person or by means of electronic equipment, shall make the
668 meeting accessible to the public and members of such agency or
669 municipal board or commission by means of electronic equipment. Any
670 such meeting held by any such agency or municipal board or
671 commission solely or in part by using electronic equipment shall comply
672 with all applicable requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.
673 Any such agency or municipal board or commission may establish
674 procedures for the public and members of the agency or municipal
675 board or commission to participate using electronic equipment and shall
676 post any such procedures on the Internet web site of the agency or
677 municipal board or commission or, if the agency or municipal board or
678 commission does not maintain an Internet web site, make such

679 procedures available for viewing at the place of business of the agency
680 or municipal board or commission. Except as provided in section 1-232
681 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or other applicable law,
682 such procedures shall not be construed to allow denial of access to any
683 meeting to any person.

684 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The Connecticut Advisory Commission
685 on Intergovernmental Relations established pursuant to section 2-79a of
686 the general statutes, shall, in consultation with the Freedom of
687 Information Commission established pursuant to section 1-205 of the
688 general statutes, and the Connecticut Association of Municipal
689 Attorneys, conduct a study concerning the implementation of the
690 provisions of section 9 of this act and sections 1-225 and 7-7 of the
691 general statutes, as amended by this act, and the feasibility of remote
692 participation and voting during meetings, including remote voting
693 using electronic equipment such as conference call, videoconference or
694 other technology. Not later than February 1, 2022, the commission shall
695 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
696 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
697 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
698 administration and planning and development. Such report shall
699 include, but need not be limited to, (1) findings, including any
700 challenges encountered, (2) recommendations concerning best practices
701 for the implementation of said provisions, and (3) an analysis of the
702 feasibility of remote participation and voting during meetings using
703 electronic equipment such as conference call, videoconference or other
704 technology.

705 Sec. 11. Section 7-34a of the general statutes is amended by adding
706 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

707 (NEW) (f) Any town clerk who receives a fee pursuant to this section
708 may permit the payment of such fee on an Internet web site designated
709 by the clerk, in a manner prescribed by the clerk.

710 Sec. 12. Section 7-51a of the general statutes is amended by adding

711 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

712 (NEW) (e) Any registrar of vital statistics who receives payment
713 pursuant to this section may permit such payment to be made on an
714 Internet web site designated by the registrar, in a manner prescribed by
715 the registrar.

716 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) For the purposes of sections
717 7-148j, 7-148k, 7-148bb, 7-148ii and 7-152b of the general statutes, as
718 amended by this act, "electronic equipment" means any technology that
719 facilitates real-time communication between two or more individuals,
720 including, but not limited to, telephonic, video and other conferencing
721 platforms.

722 Sec. 14. Section 7-148j of the general statutes is repealed and the
723 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

724 Any board, commission, council, committee or other agency
725 established or designated pursuant to sections 7-148i to 7-148n,
726 inclusive, and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of
727 section 7-148, may be given the following powers: (1) The power to issue
728 subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum, enforceable upon application to
729 the Superior Court, to compel the attendance of persons at hearings
730 either in person or by means of electronic equipment and the production
731 of books, documents, records and papers; (2) the power to issue written
732 interrogatories and require written answers under oath thereto,
733 enforceable upon application to the Superior Court; (3) the power to
734 hold hearings relating to any allegation of discriminatory practice which
735 it has found reasonable cause to believe has occurred and to issue any
736 appropriate orders including those authorized by section 46a-86; and (4)
737 the power to petition the Superior Court for enforcement of any order
738 issued by it upon a finding that a violation of the local code of prohibited
739 discriminatory practices has occurred, including the power to petition
740 the Superior Court for temporary injunctive relief upon a finding that
741 irreparable harm to the complainant will otherwise occur or for any
742 other relief authorized by sections 46a-89 and 46a-90a.

743 Sec. 15. Section 7-148k of the general statutes is repealed and the
744 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

745 Any complaint filed pursuant to sections 7-148i to 7-148n, inclusive,
746 and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 7-
747 148 shall be made under oath. No finding of a violation of a local code
748 of prohibited discriminatory practices shall be made except after a
749 hearing conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment. The
750 respondent at any such hearing shall be given reasonable advance
751 written notice of the hearing, shall be entitled to be represented by
752 counsel, and shall be permitted to testify and present and cross-examine
753 witnesses. The decision resulting from the hearing shall be in writing
754 and shall include written findings of the facts upon which the decision
755 is based.

756 Sec. 16. Section 7-148bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
757 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

758 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special
759 act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, the chief elected officials
760 of two or more municipalities may initiate a process for such
761 municipalities to enter into an agreement to share revenues received for
762 payment of real and personal property taxes. The agreement shall be
763 prepared pursuant to negotiations and shall contain all provisions on
764 which there is mutual agreement between the municipalities, including,
765 but not limited to, specification of the tax revenues to be shared,
766 collection and uses of such shared revenue. The agreement shall
767 establish procedures for amendment, termination and withdrawal. The
768 negotiations shall include an opportunity for public participation. Such
769 participation may take place in person, in writing or by means of
770 electronic equipment. The agreement shall be approved by each
771 municipality that is a party to the agreement by resolution of the
772 legislative body. As used in this section "legislative body" means the
773 council, commission, board, body or town meeting, by whatever name
774 it may be known, having or exercising the general legislative powers
775 and functions of a municipality and "municipality" means any town, city

776 or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and
777 borough.

778 Sec. 17. Section 7-148ii of the general statutes is repealed and the
779 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

780 (a) Any person who, on or after October 1, 2011, commences an action
781 to foreclose a mortgage on residential property shall register such
782 property with the town clerk of the municipality in which the property
783 is located at the time and place of the recording of the notice of lis
784 pendens as to the residential property being foreclosed in accordance
785 with section 52-325. Such registration may be completed electronically
786 in a manner prescribed by such clerk and shall be maintained by the
787 municipality separate and apart from the land records.

788 (b) Registration made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
789 contain (1) the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail
790 address of the plaintiff in the foreclosure action and, if such plaintiff is
791 an entity or an individual who resides out-of-state, the name, address,
792 telephone number and electronic mail address of a direct contact in the
793 state, provided such a direct contact is available; (2) the name, address,
794 telephone number and electronic mail address of the person, local
795 property maintenance company or other entity serving as such
796 plaintiff's contact with the municipality for any matters concerning the
797 residential property; and (3) the following heading in at least ten-point
798 boldface capital letters: NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY: REGISTRATION
799 OF PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED. The plaintiff in the foreclosure
800 action shall indicate on such registration whether it prefers to be
801 contacted by first class mail or electronic mail and the preferred
802 addresses for such communications. Such plaintiff shall report to the
803 town clerk of the municipality in which the property is located, by mail,
804 electronic mail or other form of delivery, any change in the information
805 provided on the registration not later than thirty days following the date
806 of the change of information. At the time of registration, such plaintiff
807 shall pay a land record filing fee to the municipality as specified in
808 section 7-34a, as amended by this act.

809 (c) Any person in whom title to a residential property has vested on
810 or after October 1, 2011, through a foreclosure action pursuant to
811 sections 49-16 to 49-21, inclusive, or 49-26, shall register such property,
812 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, with the municipality
813 in which such property is located not later than fifteen days after
814 absolute title vests in such person. If such person is the plaintiff in the
815 foreclosure action, such person shall, prior to the expiration of such
816 fifteen-day period, update the registration with any change in
817 registration information for purposes of complying with said subsection
818 (d). The updated registration shall include the following heading in at
819 least ten-point boldface capital letters: NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITY:
820 UPDATED REGISTRATION FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH
821 FORECLOSURE.

822 (d) Registration made pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
823 be mailed, sent by electronic mail or delivered to the town clerk of the
824 municipality in which the residential property is located and include (1)
825 the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the
826 registrant and, if the registrant is an entity or an individual who resides
827 out-of-state, the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail
828 address of a direct contact in the state, provided such a direct contact is
829 available; (2) the date on which absolute title vested in the registrant; (3)
830 the name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address of the
831 person, local property maintenance company or other entity responsible
832 for the security and maintenance of the residential property; and (4) the
833 following heading in at least ten-point boldface capital letters: NOTICE
834 TO MUNICIPALITY: REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED
835 THROUGH FORECLOSURE. The registration, or updated registration,
836 shall be accompanied by a land record filing fee payable to the
837 municipality as specified in section 7-34a, as amended by this act. The
838 registrant shall report to the town clerk by mail, electronic mail or other
839 form of delivery any change in the information provided on the
840 registration not later than thirty days from the date of the change in
841 information.

842 (e) If a registrant required to register pursuant to subsection (c) of this

843 section fails to comply with any provision of the general statutes or of
844 any municipal ordinance concerning the repair or maintenance of real
845 estate, including, without limitation, an ordinance relating to the
846 prevention of housing blight pursuant to subparagraph (H)(xv) of
847 subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148, the maintenance of safe
848 and sanitary housing as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
849 (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148, or the abatement of nuisances as
850 provided in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of
851 section 7-148, the municipality may issue a notice to the registrant citing
852 the conditions on such property that violate such provisions. Such
853 notice shall be sent by either first class or electronic mail, or both, and
854 shall be sent to the address or addresses of the registrant identified on
855 the registration. A copy of such notice shall be sent by first class mail or
856 electronic mail to the person, property maintenance company or other
857 entity responsible for the security and maintenance of the residential
858 property designated on the registration. Such notice shall comply with
859 section 7-148gg.

860 (f) The notice described in subsection (e) of this section shall provide
861 a date, reasonable under the circumstances, by which the registrant shall
862 remedy the condition or conditions on such registrant's property. If the
863 registrant, registrant's contact or registrant's agent does not remedy the
864 condition or conditions on such registrant's property before the date
865 following the date specified in such notice, the municipality may enforce
866 its rights under the relevant provisions of the general statutes or of any
867 municipal ordinance.

868 (g) A municipality shall only impose registration requirements upon
869 registrants and plaintiffs in foreclosure actions in accordance with this
870 section, except that any municipal registration requirements effective on
871 or before October 1, 2009, shall remain effective.

872 (h) Any plaintiff in a foreclosure action who fails to register in
873 accordance with this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of one
874 hundred dollars for each violation, up to a maximum of five thousand
875 dollars. Each property for which there has been a failure to register shall

876 constitute a separate violation.

877 (i) Any person in whom title to a residential property has vested on
878 or after October 1, 2011, through a foreclosure action pursuant to
879 sections 49-16 to 49-21, inclusive, or 49-26, and who has not registered
880 in accordance with subsection (c) of this section within thirty days of
881 absolute title vesting in such owner shall be subject to a civil penalty of
882 two hundred fifty dollars for each violation, up to a maximum of
883 twenty-five thousand dollars. Each property for which there has been a
884 failure to register shall constitute a separate violation.

885 (j) An authorized official of the municipality may file a civil action in
886 Superior Court to collect the penalties imposed pursuant to subsections
887 (h) and (i) of this section, which penalties shall be payable to the
888 treasurer of such municipality. Such penalties shall not create or
889 constitute a lien against the residential property.

890 (k) Neither the registration by a foreclosing party nor the failure to
891 register in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall imply or
892 create any legal obligations on the part of the foreclosing party to repair,
893 maintain or secure the residential property for which a registration is
894 required prior to the time that title passes to the foreclosing party.

895 Sec. 18. Section 7-152b of the general statutes is repealed and the
896 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

897 (a) Any town, city or borough may establish by ordinance a parking
898 violation hearing procedure in accordance with this section. The
899 Superior Court shall be authorized to enforce the assessments and
900 judgments provided for under this section.

901 (b) The chief executive officer of the town, city or borough shall
902 appoint one or more parking violation hearing officers, other than
903 policemen or persons who issue parking tickets or work in the police
904 department, to conduct the hearings authorized by this section.

905 (c) A town, city or borough may, at any time within two years from

906 the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines,
907 penalties, costs or fees for any alleged violation under any ordinance
908 adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or sections 14-305 to 14-308, inclusive,
909 send notice to the motor vehicle operator, if known, or the registered
910 owner of the motor vehicle by first class mail at his address according
911 to the registration records of the Department of Motor Vehicles or by
912 electronic mail, if the operator or owner's electronic mail address is
913 known. Such notice shall inform the operator or owner: (1) Of the
914 allegations against him and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or
915 fees due; (2) that he may contest his liability before a parking violations
916 hearing officer by delivering in person, by electronic mail or by mail
917 written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if he does not
918 demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall enter against
919 him; and (4) that such judgment may issue without further notice.
920 Whenever a violation of such an ordinance occurs, proof of the
921 registration number of the motor vehicle involved shall be prima facie
922 evidence in all proceedings provided for in this section that the owner
923 of such vehicle was the operator thereof; provided, the liability of a
924 lessee under section 14-107 shall apply.

925 (d) If the person who is sent notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this
926 section wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, such person
927 may, without requesting a hearing, pay the full amount of the fines,
928 penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to an official
929 designated by the town, city or borough. Such payment shall be
930 inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the
931 conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any
932 person who does not [deliver or mail written demand for] demand a
933 hearing within ten days of the date of the first notice provided for in
934 subsection (c) of this section shall be deemed to have admitted liability,
935 and the designated town official shall certify such person's failure to
936 respond to the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall thereupon enter
937 and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees provided for by the
938 applicable ordinances and shall follow the procedures set forth in
939 subsection (f) of this section.

940 (e) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice
941 of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held
942 not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the
943 mailing of notice, provided the hearing officer shall grant upon good
944 cause shown any reasonable request by any interested party for
945 postponement or continuance. An original or certified copy of the initial
946 notice of violation issued by a policeman or other issuing officer shall be
947 filed and retained by the town, city or borough, be deemed to be a
948 business record within the scope of section 52-180 and be evidence of
949 the facts contained therein. The presence of the policeman or issuing
950 officer shall be required at the hearing if such person so requests. A
951 person wishing to contest his liability shall appear at the hearing in
952 person or by means of electronic equipment, and may present evidence
953 in his behalf. A designated town official, other than the hearing officer,
954 may present evidence on behalf of the town. If such person fails to
955 appear, the hearing officer may enter an assessment by default against
956 him upon a finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable
957 statutes or ordinances. The hearing officer may accept from such person
958 copies of police reports, Department of Motor Vehicles documents and
959 other official documents by mail and may determine thereby that the
960 appearance of such person is unnecessary. The hearing officer shall
961 conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of
962 proof as he deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the
963 admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony
964 shall be given under oath or affirmation. The hearing officer shall
965 announce his decision at the end of the hearing. If he determines that
966 the person is not liable, he shall dismiss the matter and enter his
967 determination in writing accordingly. If he determines that the person
968 is liable for the violation, he shall forthwith enter and assess the fines,
969 penalties, costs or fees against such person as provided by the applicable
970 ordinances of that town, city or borough.

971 (f) If such assessment is not paid on the date of its entry, the hearing
972 officer shall send by first class mail a notice of the assessment to the
973 person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty days or more than

974 twelve months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of
975 assessment with the clerk of a superior court facility designated by the
976 Chief Court Administrator together with an entry fee of eight dollars.
977 The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record
978 of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against
979 the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment.
980 The clerk shall enter judgment, in the amount of such record of
981 assessment and court costs of eight dollars, against such person in favor
982 of the town, city or borough. Notwithstanding any provision of the
983 general statutes, the hearing officer's assessment, when so entered as a
984 judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and a levy of
985 execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such
986 person.

987 (g) A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant
988 to this section is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal
989 shall be instituted within thirty days of the mailing of notice of such
990 assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an
991 entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case
992 pursuant to section 52-259, at the Superior Court facility designated by
993 the Chief Court Administrator, which shall entitle such person to a
994 hearing in accordance with the rules of the judges of the Superior Court.

995 Sec. 19. Section 7-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
996 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

997 For the purposes of this chapter: (1) "Acquire a sewerage system"
998 means obtain title to all or any part of a sewerage system or any interest
999 therein by purchase, condemnation, grant, gift, lease, rental or
1000 otherwise; (2) "alternative sewage treatment system" means a sewage
1001 treatment system serving one or more buildings that utilizes a method
1002 of treatment other than a subsurface sewage disposal system and that
1003 involves a discharge to the groundwaters of the state; (3) "community
1004 sewerage system" means any sewerage system serving two or more
1005 residences in separate structures which is not connected to a municipal
1006 sewerage system or which is connected to a municipal sewerage system

1007 as a distinct and separately managed district or segment of such system;
1008 (4) "construct a sewerage system" means to acquire land, easements,
1009 rights-of-way or any other real or personal property or any interest
1010 therein, plan, construct, reconstruct, equip, extend and enlarge all or any
1011 part of a sewerage system; (5) "decentralized system" means managed
1012 subsurface sewage disposal systems, managed alternative sewage
1013 treatment systems or community sewerage systems that discharge
1014 sewage flows of less than five thousand gallons per day, are used to
1015 collect and treat domestic sewage, and involve a discharge to the
1016 groundwaters of the state from areas of a municipality; (6)
1017 "decentralized wastewater management district" means areas of a
1018 municipality designated by the municipality through a municipal
1019 ordinance when an engineering report has determined that the existing
1020 subsurface sewage disposal systems may be detrimental to public health
1021 or the environment and that decentralized systems are required and
1022 such report is approved by the Commissioner of Energy and
1023 Environmental Protection with concurring approval by the
1024 Commissioner of Public Health, after consultation with the local
1025 director of health; (7) "electronic equipment" means any technology that
1026 facilitates real-time communication between two or more individuals,
1027 including, but not limited to, telephonic, video and other conferencing
1028 platforms; (8) "municipality" means any metropolitan district, town,
1029 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, city,
1030 borough, village, fire and sewer district, sewer district and each
1031 municipal organization having authority to levy and collect taxes; [(8)]
1032 (9) "operate a sewerage system" means own, use, equip, reequip, repair,
1033 maintain, supervise, manage, operate and perform any act pertinent to
1034 the collection, transportation and disposal of sewage; [(9)] (10) "person"
1035 means any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company,
1036 association or public agency; [(10)] (11) "remediation standards" means
1037 pollutant limits, performance requirements, design parameters or
1038 technical standards for application to existing sewage discharges in a
1039 decentralized wastewater management district for the improvement of
1040 wastewater treatment to protect public health and the environment;
1041 [(11)] (12) "sewage" means any substance, liquid or solid, which may

1042 contaminate or pollute or affect the cleanliness or purity of any water;
1043 and [(12)] (13) "sewerage system" means any device, equipment,
1044 appurtenance, facility and method for collecting, transporting,
1045 receiving, treating, disposing of or discharging sewage, including, but
1046 not limited to, decentralized systems within a decentralized wastewater
1047 management district when such district is established by municipal
1048 ordinance pursuant to section 7-247.

1049 Sec. 20. Section 7-255 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1050 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1051 (a) The water pollution control authority may establish and revise fair
1052 and reasonable charges for connection with and for the use of a
1053 sewerage system. The owner of property against which any such
1054 connection or use charge is levied shall be liable for the payment thereof.
1055 Municipally-owned and other tax-exempt property which uses the
1056 sewerage system shall be subject to such charges under the same
1057 conditions as are the owners of other property, but nothing herein shall
1058 be deemed to authorize the levying of any property tax by any
1059 municipality against any property exempt by the general statutes from
1060 property taxation. No charge for connection with or for the use of a
1061 sewerage system shall be established or revised until after a public
1062 hearing before the water pollution control authority at which the owner
1063 of property against which the charges are to be levied shall have an
1064 opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed charges. Such hearing
1065 may be conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment.
1066 Notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing shall be published
1067 at least ten days before the date thereof in a newspaper having a general
1068 circulation in the municipality and on the Internet web site of the
1069 municipality. A copy of the proposed charges shall be on file in the office
1070 of the clerk of the municipality and available for inspection by the public
1071 for at least ten days before the date of such hearing. When the water
1072 pollution control authority has established or revised such charges, it
1073 shall file a copy thereof in the office of the clerk of the municipality and,
1074 not later than five days after such filing, shall cause the same to be
1075 published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the

1076 municipality and on the Internet web site of the municipality. Such
1077 publication shall state the date on which such charges were filed and the
1078 time and manner of paying such charges and shall state that any appeals
1079 from such charges must be taken within twenty-one days after such
1080 filing. In establishing or revising such charges the water pollution
1081 control authority may classify the property connected or to be connected
1082 with the sewer system and the users of such system, including
1083 categories of industrial users, and may give consideration to any factors
1084 relating to the kind, quality or extent of use of any such property or
1085 classification of property or users including, but not limited to, (1) the
1086 volume of water discharged to the sewerage system, (2) the type or size
1087 of building connected with the sewerage system, (3) the number of
1088 plumbing fixtures connected with the sewerage system, (4) the number
1089 of persons customarily using the property served by the sewerage
1090 system, (5) in the case of commercial or industrial property, the average
1091 number of employees and guests using the property and (6) the quality
1092 and character of the material discharged into the sewerage system. The
1093 water pollution control authority may establish minimum charges for
1094 connection with and for the use of a sewerage system. Any person
1095 aggrieved by any charge for connection with or for the use of a sewerage
1096 system may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district wherein
1097 the municipality is located and shall bring any such appeal to a return
1098 day of said court not less than twelve or more than thirty days after
1099 service thereof. The judgment of the court shall be final.

1100 (b) Any municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the payment to
1101 the water pollution control authority by such municipality of the whole
1102 or a portion of such charges for specified classifications of property or
1103 users, provided such classifications are established by the water
1104 pollution control authority in accordance with the provisions of
1105 subsection (a) of this section and meet the requirements of the federal
1106 Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, P.L. 92-500, as
1107 amended from time to time. [amended.]

1108 (c) Any municipality may, by ordinance, provide for optional
1109 methods of payment of sewer use charges to the water pollution control

1110 authority by (1) elderly taxpayers who are eligible for tax relief under
1111 the provisions of section 12-129b, section 12-170aa, as amended by this
1112 act, or a plan of tax relief for elderly taxpayers provided by such
1113 municipality in accordance with section 12-129n or (2) any taxpayer
1114 under the age of sixty-five who is eligible for tax relief under the
1115 provisions of a plan for tax relief provided by such municipality in
1116 accordance with subdivision (2) of section 12-129n.

1117 Sec. 21. Section 7-257 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1118 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1119 The water pollution control authority may order the owner of any
1120 building to which a sewerage system is available to connect such
1121 building with the system or order the owner to construct and connect
1122 the building to an alternative sewage treatment system. No such order
1123 shall be issued until after a public hearing with respect thereto is
1124 conducted in person or by means of electronic equipment after due
1125 notice in writing to such property owner. Any owner aggrieved by such
1126 an order may, within twenty-one days, appeal to the superior court for
1127 the judicial district wherein the municipality is located. Such appeal
1128 shall be brought to a return day of said court not less than twelve or
1129 more than thirty days after service thereof. The judgment of the court
1130 shall be final. If any owner fails to comply with an order to connect, the
1131 water pollution control authority shall cause the connection to be made
1132 and shall assess the expense thereof against such owner.

1133 Sec. 22. Section 12-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1134 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1135 (a) Any person, including any lessee of real property whose lease has
1136 been recorded as provided in section 47-19 and who is bound under the
1137 terms of a lease to pay real property taxes and any person to whom title
1138 to such property has been transferred since the assessment date,
1139 claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the assessors of such town
1140 may appeal therefrom to the board of assessment appeals. Such appeal
1141 shall be filed [,] in writing [,] or by electronic mail in a manner prescribed

1142 by such board on or before February twentieth. The [written] appeal
1143 shall include, but is not limited to, the property owner's name, name and
1144 position of the signer, description of the property which is the subject of
1145 the appeal, name, [and] mailing address and electronic mail address of
1146 the party to be sent all correspondence by the board of assessment
1147 appeals, reason for the appeal, appellant's estimate of value, signature
1148 of property owner, or duly authorized agent of the property owner, and
1149 date of signature. The board shall notify each aggrieved taxpayer who
1150 filed [a written] an appeal in the proper form and in a timely manner,
1151 no later than March first immediately following the assessment date, of
1152 the date, time and place of the appeal hearing. Such notice shall be sent
1153 no later than seven calendar days preceding the hearing date except that
1154 the board may elect not to conduct an appeal hearing for any
1155 commercial, industrial, utility or apartment property with an assessed
1156 value greater than one million dollars. The board shall, not later than
1157 March first, notify the appellant that the board has elected not to
1158 conduct an appeal hearing. An appellant whose appeal will not be heard
1159 by the board may appeal directly to the Superior Court pursuant to
1160 section 12-117a. The board shall determine all appeals for which the
1161 board conducts an appeal hearing and send written notification of the
1162 final determination of such appeals to each such person within one week
1163 after such determination has been made. Such written notification shall
1164 include information describing the property owner's right to appeal the
1165 determination of such board. Such board may equalize and adjust the
1166 grand list of such town and may increase or decrease the assessment of
1167 any taxable property or interest therein and may add an assessment for
1168 property omitted by the assessors which should be added thereto; and
1169 may add to the grand list the name of any person omitted by the
1170 assessors and owning taxable property in such town, placing therein all
1171 property liable to taxation which it has reason to believe is owned by
1172 such person, at the percentage of its actual valuation, as determined by
1173 the assessors in accordance with the provisions of sections 12-64 and 12-
1174 71, from the best information that it can obtain, and if such property
1175 should have been included in the declaration, as required by section 12-
1176 42 or 12-43, it shall add thereto twenty-five per cent of such assessment;

1177 but, before proceeding to increase the assessment of any person or to
1178 add to the grand list the name of any person so omitted, it shall mail to
1179 such person, postage paid, at least one week before making such
1180 increase or addition, a written or printed notice addressed to such
1181 person at the town in which such person resides, to appear before such
1182 board and show cause why such increase or addition should not be
1183 made. When the board increases or decreases the gross assessment of
1184 any taxable real property or interest therein, the amount of such gross
1185 assessment shall be fixed until the assessment year in which the
1186 municipality next implements a revaluation of all real property
1187 pursuant to section 12-62, unless the assessor increases or decreases the
1188 gross assessment of the property to (1) comply with an order of a court
1189 of jurisdiction, (2) reflect an addition for new construction, (3) reflect a
1190 reduction for damage or demolition, or (4) correct a factual error by
1191 issuance of a certificate of correction. Notwithstanding the provisions of
1192 this subsection, if, prior to the next revaluation, the assessor increases or
1193 decreases a gross assessment established by the board for any other
1194 reason, the assessor shall submit a written explanation to the board
1195 setting forth the reason for such increase or decrease. The assessor shall
1196 also append the written explanation to the property card for the real
1197 estate parcel whose gross assessment was increased or decreased.

1198 (b) If an extension is granted to any assessor or board of assessors
1199 pursuant to section 12-117, as amended by this act, the date by which a
1200 taxpayer shall be required to submit a [written] request for appeal to the
1201 board of assessment appeals shall be extended to March twentieth and
1202 said board shall conduct hearings regarding such requests during the
1203 month of April. The board shall send notification to the taxpayer of the
1204 time and date of an appeal hearing at least seven calendar days
1205 preceding the hearing date, but no later than the first day of April. If the
1206 board elects not to hear an appeal for commercial, industrial, utility or
1207 apartment property described in subsection (a) of this section, the board
1208 shall notify the taxpayer of such decision no later than the first day of
1209 April.

1210 Sec. 23. Section 12-117 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1211 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1212 (a) The period prescribed by law for the completion of the duties of
1213 any assessor, board of assessors or board of assessment appeals may, for
1214 due cause shown, be extended by the chief executive officer of the town
1215 for a period not exceeding one month, and in the case of the board of
1216 assessment appeals in any town in the assessment year in which a
1217 revaluation, pursuant to section 12-62, is required to be effective, such
1218 period shall be extended by said chief executive officer for a period not
1219 exceeding two months. Not later than two weeks after granting an
1220 extension as provided under this subsection, the chief executive officer
1221 shall send [written] notice of the extension to the Secretary of the Office
1222 of Policy and Management by mail or electronic mail in a manner
1223 prescribed by the secretary.

1224 (b) If, in the assessment year in which a revaluation is required to be
1225 effective, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
1226 determines, on the basis of information provided [, in writing,] by the
1227 board of assessment appeals and the chief executive officer, that the
1228 number of appeals pending before such board is such as to preclude fair
1229 and equitable consideration of such appeals within the extended period
1230 of time provided under subsection (a) of this section, the secretary may
1231 authorize a postponement of the implementation of said revaluation
1232 until the assessment day next ensuing. If the secretary authorizes such
1233 postponement, the town shall not be subject to the penalty provisions of
1234 subsection (d) of section 12-62. Upon receipt of the secretary's notice of
1235 authorization, the assessor shall revise the real property grand list for
1236 the assessment year with respect to which such postponement is
1237 applicable, to reflect assessments for such property effective in the
1238 assessment year immediately preceding. The real property grand list
1239 from which such appeals are taken shall then become the real property
1240 grand list for the assessment day next ensuing, subject only to transfers
1241 of ownership, additions for new construction, reductions for
1242 demolitions and such adjustments as are authorized by the board of
1243 assessment appeals, unless the assessor revalues all real property for
1244 said assessment day in accordance with section 12-62. The secretary

1245 shall not grant an authorization to a town, pursuant to this subsection,
1246 in consecutive years.

1247 (c) During any assessment year in which the provisions of subsection
1248 (b) of this section become applicable, the assessor or board of assessors
1249 shall, not later than thirty days after the date on which the Secretary of
1250 the Office of Policy and Management authorizes the postponement of
1251 revaluation, complete the grand list as required by subsection (b) of this
1252 section. An increase notice shall be prepared in the manner prescribed
1253 by section 12-55, and, [mailed,] not later than the tenth day after the
1254 completion of said grand list, mailed or sent by electronic mail to each
1255 owner whose property valuation on said grand list increased above the
1256 valuation of such property in the last-preceding assessment year.
1257 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-112, any owner may
1258 appeal such increase to the board of assessment appeals not later than
1259 thirty days after the date of such notice. If the assessor or board of
1260 assessors fails to comply with the notice requirements in this subsection,
1261 any such increase shall not take effect until the next succeeding
1262 assessment date.

1263 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
1264 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1265 *1, 2021*):

1266 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
1267 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
1268 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
1269 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after April
1270 first and not later than October first of each year with respect to such
1271 grant for the calendar year preceding each such year. [.] Such
1272 application shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the
1273 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [to the assessor] or
1274 electronically in a manner prescribed by the secretary. Municipalities
1275 that require notarization of a landlord verification of property rental on
1276 an application under this section (1) shall exempt a renter from the
1277 requirement if a landlord verification for the same property rental by

1278 the same renter has been previously notarized, and (2) shall not delay
1279 submission of the application of an otherwise qualified renter to the
1280 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management if the renter fails to
1281 meet the deadline for notarizing such landlord verification. A renter
1282 may apply to the secretary prior to December fifteenth of the claim year
1283 for an extension of the application period. The secretary may grant such
1284 extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or
1285 incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an
1286 advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary
1287 determines there is good cause for doing so. A renter making such
1288 application shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of
1289 the renter's application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return,
1290 and if not required to file a federal income tax return, such other
1291 evidence of qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled
1292 checks, or copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such
1293 agent may require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the
1294 applying renter is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue
1295 a certificate of grant in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
1296 supply showing the amount of the grant due.

1297 Sec. 25. Section 12-170g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1298 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1299 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or agent in fixing
1300 the amount of the grant under section 12-170f, as amended by this act,
1301 or in disapproving the claim therefor may apply to the Secretary of the
1302 Office of Policy and Management in writing or electronically in a
1303 manner prescribed by the secretary, within thirty business days from
1304 the date of notice given to such person by the assessor or agent, giving
1305 notice of such grievance. The secretary shall promptly consider such
1306 notice and may grant or deny the relief requested, provided such
1307 decision shall be made not later than thirty business days after the
1308 receipt of such notice. If the relief is denied, the applicant shall be
1309 notified forthwith, and the applicant may appeal the decision of the
1310 secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 12-120b.

1311 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 12-170w of the general statutes is
1312 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1313 *1, 2021*):

1314 (a) No claim shall be accepted under section 12-170v unless the
1315 taxpayer or authorized agent of such taxpayer files an application with
1316 the assessor of the municipality in which the property is located, [in such
1317 form and manner as the assessor may prescribe,] during the period from
1318 February first to and including May fifteenth of any year in which
1319 benefits are first claimed. [, including] Such application shall be made in
1320 writing or electronically in a manner prescribed by the assessor, and
1321 shall include such information as is necessary to substantiate such claim
1322 in accordance with requirements in such application. A taxpayer may
1323 make application to the assessor in writing or electronically in a manner
1324 prescribed by the assessor prior to August fifteenth of the claim year for
1325 an extension of the application period. The assessor may grant such
1326 extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or
1327 incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an
1328 advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the assessor
1329 determines there is good cause for doing so. The taxpayer shall present
1330 to the assessor a paper or electronic copy of such taxpayer's federal
1331 income tax return and the federal income tax return of such taxpayer's
1332 spouse, if filed separately, for such taxpayer's taxable year ending
1333 immediately prior to the submission of the taxpayer's application, or if
1334 not required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of
1335 qualifying income in respect to such taxable year as the assessor may
1336 require. Each such application, together with the federal income tax
1337 return and any other information submitted in relation thereto, shall be
1338 examined by the assessor and a determination shall be made as to
1339 whether the application is approved. Upon determination by the
1340 assessor that the applying homeowner is entitled to tax relief in
1341 accordance with the provisions of section 12-170v and this section, the
1342 assessor shall notify the homeowner and the municipal tax collector of
1343 the approval of such application. The municipal tax collector shall
1344 determine the maximum amount of the tax due with respect to such

1345 homeowner's residence and thereafter the property tax with respect to
1346 such homeowner's residence shall not exceed such amount. After a
1347 taxpayer's claim for the first year has been filed and approved such
1348 taxpayer shall file such an application biennially. In respect to such
1349 application required after the filing and approval for the first year the
1350 assessor in each municipality shall notify each such taxpayer concerning
1351 application requirements by [regular] mail, or, at the taxpayer's option,
1352 electronic mail, not later than February first of the assessment year in
1353 which such taxpayer is required to reapply, [enclosing] providing a
1354 copy of the required application form. Such taxpayer may submit such
1355 application to the assessor, [by mail,] provided it is received by the
1356 assessor not later than April fifteenth in the assessment year with
1357 respect to which such tax relief is claimed. Not later than April thirtieth
1358 of such year the assessor shall notify, by mail evidenced by a certificate
1359 of mailing, any such taxpayer for whom such application was not
1360 received by said April fifteenth concerning application requirements
1361 and such taxpayer shall submit not later than May fifteenth such
1362 application personally, or for reasonable cause, by a person acting on
1363 behalf of such taxpayer as approved by the assessor.

1364 Sec. 27. Section 12-170aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1365 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1366 (a) There is established, for the assessment year commencing October
1367 1, 1985, and each assessment year thereafter, a revised state program of
1368 property tax relief for certain elderly homeowners as determined in
1369 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, and additionally for the
1370 assessment year commencing October 1, 1986, and each assessment year
1371 thereafter, the property tax relief benefits of such program are made
1372 available to certain homeowners who are permanently and totally
1373 disabled as determined in accordance with said subsection (b) of this
1374 section.

1375 (b) (1) The program established by this section shall provide for a
1376 reduction in property tax, except in the case of benefits payable as a
1377 grant under certain circumstances in accordance with provisions in

1378 subsection (j) of this section, applicable to the assessed value of certain
1379 real property, determined in accordance with subsection (c) of this
1380 section, for any (A) owner of real property, including any owner of real
1381 property held in trust for such owner, provided such owner or such
1382 owner and such owner's spouse are the grantor and beneficiary of such
1383 trust, (B) tenant for life or tenant for a term of years liable for property
1384 tax under section 12-48, or (C) resident of a multiple-dwelling complex
1385 under certain contractual conditions as provided in said subsection (j)
1386 of this section, who (i) at the close of the preceding calendar year has
1387 attained age sixty-five or over, or whose spouse domiciled with such
1388 homeowner, has attained age sixty-five or over at the close of the
1389 preceding calendar year, or is fifty years of age or over and the surviving
1390 spouse of a homeowner who at the time of his death had qualified and
1391 was entitled to tax relief under this section, provided such spouse was
1392 domiciled with such homeowner at the time of his death or (ii) at the
1393 close of the preceding calendar year has not attained age sixty-five and
1394 is eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive
1395 permanent total disability benefits under Social Security, or has not been
1396 engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly has
1397 not qualified for benefits thereunder but who has become qualified for
1398 permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local
1399 government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad
1400 Retirement Act and any government-related teacher's retirement plan,
1401 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to
1402 contain requirements in respect to qualification for such permanent total
1403 disability benefits which are comparable to such requirements under
1404 Social Security; and in addition to qualification under (i) or (ii) above,
1405 whose taxable and nontaxable income, the total of which shall
1406 hereinafter be called "qualifying income", in the tax year of such
1407 homeowner ending immediately preceding the date of application for
1408 benefits under the program in this section, was not in excess of sixteen
1409 thousand two hundred dollars, if unmarried, or twenty thousand
1410 dollars, jointly with spouse if married, subject to adjustments in
1411 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, evidence of which
1412 income shall be required in the form of a signed affidavit to be submitted

1413 to the assessor in the municipality in which application for benefits
1414 under this section is filed. Such affidavit may be filed electronically, in
1415 a manner prescribed by the assessor. The amount of any Medicaid
1416 payments made on behalf of such homeowner or the spouse of such
1417 homeowner shall not constitute income. The amount of tax reduction
1418 provided under this section, determined in accordance with and subject
1419 to the variable factors in the schedule of amounts of tax reduction in
1420 subsection (c) of this section, shall be allowed only with respect to a
1421 residential dwelling owned by such qualified homeowner and used as
1422 such homeowner's primary place of residence. If title to real property or
1423 a tenancy interest liable for real property taxes is recorded in the name
1424 of such qualified homeowner or his spouse making a claim and
1425 qualifying under this section and any other person or persons, the
1426 claimant hereunder shall be entitled to pay his fractional share of the tax
1427 on such property calculated in accordance with the provisions of this
1428 section, and such other person or persons shall pay his or their fractional
1429 share of the tax without regard for the provisions of this section, unless
1430 also qualified hereunder. For the purposes of this section, a "mobile
1431 manufactured home", as defined in section 12-63a, or a dwelling on
1432 leased land, including but not limited to a modular home, shall be
1433 deemed to be real property and the word "taxes" shall not include
1434 special assessments, interest and lien fees.

1435 (2) The amounts of qualifying income as provided in this section shall
1436 be adjusted annually in a uniform manner to reflect the annual inflation
1437 adjustment in Social Security income, with each such adjustment of
1438 qualifying income determined to the nearest one hundred dollars. Each
1439 such adjustment of qualifying income shall be prepared by the Secretary
1440 of the Office of Policy and Management in relation to the annual
1441 inflation adjustment in Social Security, if any, becoming effective at any
1442 time during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the first
1443 day of October each year and the amount of such adjustment shall be
1444 distributed to the assessors in each municipality not later than the thirty-
1445 first day of December next following.

1446 (3) For purposes of determining qualifying income under subdivision

1447 (1) of this subsection with respect to a married homeowner who submits
 1448 an application for tax reduction in accordance with this section, the
 1449 Social Security income of the spouse of such homeowner shall not be
 1450 included in the qualifying income of such homeowner, for purposes of
 1451 determining eligibility for benefits under this section, if such spouse is
 1452 a resident of a health care or nursing home facility in this state receiving
 1453 payment related to such spouse under the Title XIX Medicaid program.
 1454 An applicant who is legally separated pursuant to the provisions of
 1455 section 46b-40, as of the thirty-first day of December preceding the date
 1456 on which such person files an application for a grant in accordance with
 1457 subsection (a) of this section, may apply as an unmarried person and
 1458 shall be regarded as such for purposes of determining qualifying income
 1459 under said subsection.

1460 (c) The amount of reduction in property tax provided under this
 1461 section shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,
 1462 be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

T1	Qualifying Income		Tax Reduction	Tax Reduction	
T2			As Percentage	For Any Year	
T3	Over	Not Exceeding	Of Property Tax		
T4	Married Homeowners			Maximum	Minimum
T5	\$ 0	\$11,700	50%	\$1,250	\$400
T6	11,700	15,900	40	1,000	350
T7	15,900	19,700	30	750	250
T8	19,700	23,600	20	500	150
T9	23,600	28,900	10	250	150
T10	28,900		None		
T11	Unmarried Homeowners				
T12	\$ 0	\$11,700	40%	\$1,000	\$350
T13	11,700	15,900	30	750	250
T14	15,900	19,700	20	500	150
T15	19,700	23,600	10	250	150
T16	23,600		None		

1463 (d) Any homeowner qualified for tax reduction in accordance with
1464 subsection (b) of this section in an amount to be determined under the
1465 schedule of such tax reduction in subsection (c) of this section, shall in
1466 no event receive less in tax reduction than the minimum amount of such
1467 reduction applicable to the qualifying income of such homeowner
1468 according to the schedule in said subsection (c).

1469 (e) Any claim for tax reduction under this section shall be submitted
1470 for approval, on the application form prepared for such purpose by the
1471 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the first year claim
1472 for such tax relief is filed and biennially thereafter. Such application
1473 form may be submitted by mail or electronic mail, in a manner
1474 prescribed by the secretary. The amount of tax reduction approved shall
1475 be applied to the real property tax payable by the homeowner for the
1476 assessment year in which such application is submitted and approved.
1477 If any such homeowner has qualified for tax reduction under this
1478 section, the tax reduction determined shall, when possible, be applied
1479 and prorated uniformly over the number of installments in which the
1480 real property tax is due and payable to the municipality in which he
1481 resides. In the case of any homeowner who is eligible for tax reduction
1482 under this section as a result of increases in qualifying income, effective
1483 with respect to the assessment year commencing October 1, 1987, under
1484 the schedule of qualifying income and tax reduction in subsection (c) of
1485 this section, exclusive of any such increases related to social security
1486 adjustments in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the total
1487 amount of tax reduction to which such homeowner is entitled shall be
1488 credited and uniformly prorated against property tax installment
1489 payments applicable to such homeowner's residence which become due
1490 after such homeowner's application for tax reduction under this section
1491 is accepted. In the event that a homeowner has paid in full the amount
1492 of property tax applicable to such homeowner's residence, regardless of
1493 whether the municipality requires the payment of property taxes in one
1494 or more installments, such municipality shall make payment to such
1495 homeowner in the amount of the tax reduction allowed. The

1496 municipality shall be reimbursed for the amount of such payment in
1497 accordance with subsection (g) of this section. In respect to such
1498 application required biennially after the filing and approval for the first
1499 year, the tax assessor in each municipality shall notify each such
1500 homeowner concerning application requirements by [regular] mail or,
1501 at such homeowner's option, electronic mail, not later than February
1502 first, annually enclosing a copy of the required application form. Such
1503 homeowner may submit such application to the assessor by mail or
1504 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, provided it is
1505 received by the assessor not later than April fifteenth in the assessment
1506 year with respect to which such tax reduction is claimed. Not later than
1507 April thirtieth of such year the assessor shall notify, by mail evidenced
1508 by a certificate of mailing, any such homeowner for whom such
1509 application was not received by said April fifteenth concerning
1510 application requirements and such homeowner shall be required not
1511 later than May fifteenth to submit such application personally or by
1512 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, or, for
1513 reasonable cause, by a person acting on behalf of such taxpayer as
1514 approved by the assessor. In the year immediately following any year
1515 in which such homeowner has submitted application and qualified for
1516 tax reduction in accordance with this section, such homeowner shall be
1517 presumed, without filing application therefor, to be qualified for tax
1518 reduction in accordance with the schedule in subsection (c) of this
1519 section in the same percentage of property tax as allowed in the year
1520 immediately preceding. If any homeowner has qualified and received
1521 tax reduction under this section and subsequently in any calendar year
1522 has qualifying income in excess of the maximum described in this
1523 section, such homeowner shall notify the tax assessor by mail or
1524 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the assessor, on or before the
1525 next filing date and shall be denied tax reduction under this section for
1526 the assessment year and any subsequent year or until such homeowner
1527 has reapplied and again qualified for benefits under this section. Any
1528 such person who fails to so notify the tax assessor of his disqualification
1529 shall refund all amounts of tax reduction improperly taken and be fined
1530 not more than five hundred dollars.

1531 (f) Any homeowner, believing such homeowner is entitled to tax
1532 reduction benefits under this section for any assessment year, shall
1533 make application as required in subsection (e) of this section, to the
1534 assessor of the municipality in which the homeowner resides, for such
1535 tax reduction at any time from February first to and including May
1536 fifteenth of the year in which tax reduction is claimed. A homeowner
1537 may make application to the secretary prior to August fifteenth of the
1538 claim year for an extension of the application period. The secretary may
1539 grant such extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to
1540 illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a
1541 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if
1542 the secretary determines there is good cause for doing so. Such
1543 application for tax reduction benefits shall be submitted on a form
1544 prescribed and furnished by the secretary to the assessor. In making
1545 application the homeowner shall present to such assessor, in
1546 substantiation of such homeowner's application, a copy of such
1547 homeowner's federal income tax return, including a copy of the Social
1548 Security statement of earnings for such homeowner, and that of such
1549 homeowner's spouse, if filed separately, for such homeowner's taxable
1550 year ending immediately prior to the submission of such application, or
1551 if not required to file a return, such other evidence of qualifying income
1552 in respect to such taxable year as may be required by the assessor. When
1553 the assessor is satisfied that the applying homeowner is entitled to tax
1554 reduction in accordance with this section, such assessor shall issue a
1555 certificate of credit, in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
1556 supply showing the amount of tax reduction allowed. A duplicate of
1557 such certificate shall be delivered to the applicant and the tax collector
1558 of the municipality and the assessor shall keep the fourth copy of such
1559 certificate and a copy of the application. Any homeowner who, for the
1560 purpose of obtaining a tax reduction under this section, wilfully fails to
1561 disclose all matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes false
1562 statement shall refund all property tax credits improperly taken and
1563 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. Applications filed
1564 under this section shall not be open for public inspection.

1565 (g) On or before July first, annually, each municipality shall submit
1566 to the secretary a claim for the tax reductions approved under this
1567 section in relation to the assessment list of October first immediately
1568 preceding. On or after December 1, 1987, any municipality that neglects
1569 to transmit to the secretary the claim as required by this section shall
1570 forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state, except that the secretary
1571 may waive such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards
1572 established by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54.
1573 Subject to procedures for review and approval of such data pursuant to
1574 section 12-120b, said secretary shall, on or before December fifteenth
1575 next following, certify to the Comptroller the amount due each
1576 municipality as reimbursement for loss of property tax revenue related
1577 to the tax reductions allowed under this section, except that the
1578 secretary may reduce the amount due as reimbursement under this
1579 section by up to one hundred per cent for any municipality that is not
1580 eligible for a grant under section 32-9s. The Comptroller shall draw an
1581 order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following
1582 December fifteenth and the Treasurer shall pay the amount due each
1583 municipality not later than the thirty-first day of December. Any
1584 claimant aggrieved by the results of the secretary's review shall have the
1585 rights of appeal as set forth in section 12-120b. The amount of the grant
1586 payable to each municipality in any year in accordance with this section
1587 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such grants
1588 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
1589 section with respect to such year.

1590 (h) Any person who is the owner of a residential dwelling on leased
1591 land, including any such person who is a sublessee under terms of the
1592 lease agreement applicable to such land, shall be entitled to claim tax
1593 relief under the provisions of this section, subject to all requirements
1594 therein except as provided in this subdivision, with respect to property
1595 taxes paid by such person on the assessed value of such dwelling,
1596 provided (1) the dwelling is such person's principal place of residence,
1597 (2) such lease or sublease requires that such person as the lessee or
1598 sublessee, whichever is applicable, pay all property taxes related to the

1599 dwelling and (3) such lease or sublease is recorded in the land records
1600 of the town.

1601 (i) If any person with respect to whom a claim for tax reduction in
1602 accordance with this section has been approved for any assessment year
1603 transfers, assigns, grants or otherwise conveys on or after the first day
1604 of October but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year
1605 the interest in real property to which such claim for tax credit is related,
1606 regardless of whether such transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance is
1607 voluntary or involuntary, the amount of such tax credit shall be a pro
1608 rata portion of the amount otherwise applicable in such assessment year
1609 to be determined by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the
1610 number of full months from the first day of October in such assessment
1611 year to the date of such conveyance and the denominator of which shall
1612 be twelve. If such conveyance occurs in the month of October the
1613 grantor shall be disqualified for tax credit in such assessment year. The
1614 grantee shall be required within a period not exceeding ten days
1615 immediately following the date of such conveyance to notify the
1616 assessor thereof by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by
1617 the assessor, or in the absence of such notice, upon determination by the
1618 assessor that such transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance has
1619 occurred, the assessor shall (1) determine the amount of tax reduction to
1620 which the grantor is entitled for such assessment year with respect to
1621 the interest in real property conveyed and notify the tax collector of the
1622 reduced amount of tax reduction applicable to such interest and (2)
1623 notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on or before
1624 the October first immediately following the end of the assessment year
1625 in which such conveyance occurs of the reduction in such tax reduction
1626 for purposes of a corresponding adjustment in the amount of state
1627 payment to the municipality next following as reimbursement for the
1628 revenue loss related to such tax reductions. On or after December 1,
1629 1987, any municipality which neglects to transmit to the Secretary of the
1630 Office of Policy and Management the claim as required by this section
1631 shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the state provided the secretary
1632 may waive such forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards

1633 established by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Upon
1634 receipt of such notice from the assessor, the tax collector shall, if such
1635 notice is received after the tax due date in the municipality, within ten
1636 days thereafter mail, [or] hand or deliver by electronic mail, at the
1637 grantee's option, a bill to the grantee stating the additional amount of
1638 tax due as determined by the assessor. Such tax shall be due and payable
1639 and collectible as other property taxes and subject to the same liens and
1640 processes of collection, provided such tax shall be due and payable in
1641 an initial or single installment not sooner than thirty days after the date
1642 such bill is mailed or handed to the grantee and in equal amounts in any
1643 remaining, regular installments as the same are due and payable.

1644 (j) (1) Notwithstanding the intent in subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
1645 of this section to provide for benefits in the form of property tax
1646 reduction applicable to persons liable for payment of such property tax
1647 and qualified in accordance with requirements related to age and
1648 income as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a certain annual
1649 benefit, determined in amount under the provisions of subsections (c)
1650 and (d) of this section but payable in a manner as prescribed in this
1651 subsection, shall be provided with respect to any person who (A) is
1652 qualified in accordance with said requirements related to age and
1653 income as provided in subsection (b) of this section, including
1654 provisions concerning such person's spouse, and (B) is a resident of a
1655 dwelling unit within a multiple-dwelling complex containing dwelling
1656 units for occupancy by certain elderly persons under terms of a contract
1657 between such resident and the owner of such complex, in accordance
1658 with which contract such resident occupies a certain dwelling unit
1659 subject to the express provision that such resident has no legal title,
1660 interest or leasehold estate in the real or personal property of such
1661 complex, and under the terms of which contract such resident agrees to
1662 pay the owner of the complex a fee, as a condition precedent to
1663 occupancy and a monthly or other such periodic fee thereafter as a
1664 condition of continued occupancy. In no event shall any such resident
1665 be qualified for benefits payable in accordance with this subsection if, as
1666 determined by the assessor in the municipality in which such complex

1667 is situated, such resident's contract with the owner of such complex, or
1668 occupancy by such resident (i) confers upon such resident any
1669 ownership interest in the dwelling unit occupied or in such complex, or
1670 (ii) establishes a contract of lease of any type for the dwelling unit
1671 occupied by such resident.

1672 (2) The amount of annual benefit payable in accordance with this
1673 subsection to any such resident, qualified as provided in subdivision (1)
1674 of this subsection, shall be determined in relation to an assumed amount
1675 of property tax liability applicable to the assessed value for the dwelling
1676 unit which such resident occupies, as determined by the assessor in the
1677 municipality in which such complex is situated. Annually, not later than
1678 the first day of June, the assessor in such municipality, upon receipt of
1679 an application for such benefit submitted in accordance with this
1680 subsection by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1681 assessor, by any such resident, shall determine, with respect to the
1682 assessment list in such municipality for the assessment year
1683 commencing October first immediately preceding, the portion of the
1684 assessed value of the entire complex, as included in such assessment list,
1685 attributable to the dwelling unit occupied by such resident. The
1686 assumed property tax liability for purposes of this subsection shall be
1687 the product of such assessed value and the mill rate in such municipality
1688 as determined for purposes of property tax imposed on said assessment
1689 list for the assessment year commencing October first immediately
1690 preceding. The amount of benefit to which such resident shall be
1691 entitled for such assessment year shall be equivalent to the amount of
1692 tax reduction for which such resident would qualify, considering such
1693 assumed property tax liability to be the actual property tax applicable
1694 to such resident's dwelling unit and such resident as liable for the
1695 payment of such tax, in accordance with the schedule of qualifying
1696 income and tax reduction as provided in subsection (c) of this section,
1697 subject to provisions concerning maximum allowable benefit for any
1698 assessment year under subsections (c) and (d) of this section. The
1699 amount of benefit as determined for such resident in respect to any
1700 assessment year shall be payable by the state as a grant to such resident

1701 equivalent to the amount of property tax reduction to which such
1702 resident would be entitled under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
1703 section if such resident were the owner of such dwelling unit and
1704 qualified for tax reduction benefits under said subsections (a) to (i),
1705 inclusive.

1706 (3) Any such resident entitled to a grant as provided in subdivision
1707 (2) of this subsection shall be required to submit an application to the
1708 assessor in the municipality in which such resident resides for such
1709 grant [to] by mail or electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1710 assessor, [in the municipality in which such resident resides] at any time
1711 from February first to and including the fifteenth day of May in the year
1712 in which such grant is claimed, on a form prescribed and furnished for
1713 such purpose by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
1714 Any such resident submitting an application for such grant shall be
1715 required to present to the assessor, in substantiation of such application,
1716 a copy of such resident's federal income tax return, and if not required
1717 to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of qualifying
1718 income, receipts for money received or cancelled checks, or copies
1719 thereof, and any other evidence the assessor may require. Not later than
1720 the first day of July in such year, the assessor shall submit to the
1721 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (A) a copy of the
1722 application prepared by such resident, together with such resident's
1723 federal income tax return, if required to file such a return, and any other
1724 information submitted in relation thereto, (B) determinations of the
1725 assessor concerning the assessed value of the dwelling unit in such
1726 complex occupied by such resident, and (C) the amount of such grant
1727 approved by the assessor. Said secretary, upon approving such grant,
1728 shall certify the amount thereof and not later than the fifteenth day of
1729 September immediately following submit approval for payment of such
1730 grant to the State Comptroller. Not later than five business days
1731 immediately following receipt of such approval for payment, the State
1732 Comptroller shall draw his or her order upon the State Treasurer and
1733 the Treasurer shall pay the amount of the grant to such resident not later
1734 than the first day of October immediately following.

1735 (k) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management makes any
1736 adjustments to the grants for tax reductions or assumed amounts of
1737 property tax liability claimed under this section subsequent to the
1738 Comptroller the payment of said grants in any year, the amount of such
1739 adjustment shall be reflected in the next payment the Treasurer shall
1740 make to such municipality pursuant to this section.

1741 Sec. 28. Section 12-170cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
1742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1743 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or assessors in
1744 fixing the amount of a credit under subsection (f) of section 12-170aa, as
1745 amended by this act, or in disapproving the claim therefor may appeal
1746 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in writing or
1747 by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the secretary, within thirty
1748 business days from the date of notice given to such person by the
1749 assessor or assessors, giving notice of such grievance. The secretary shall
1750 promptly consider such notice and may grant or deny the relief
1751 requested, provided such decision shall be made not later than thirty
1752 business days after the receipt of such notice. If the relief is denied, the
1753 applicant shall be notified forthwith and may appeal the decision of the
1754 secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 12-120b.

1755 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 29-263 of the general statutes is
1756 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1757 *1, 2021*):

1758 (a) Except as provided in subsection (h) of section 29-252a and the
1759 State Building Code adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-
1760 252, after October 1, 1970, no building or structure shall be constructed
1761 or altered until an application has been filed with the building official
1762 and a permit issued. Such application shall be filed in person, by mail or
1763 electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the building official. Such
1764 permit shall be issued or refused, in whole or in part, within thirty days
1765 after the date of an application. No permit shall be issued except upon
1766 application of the owner of the premises affected or the owner's

1767 authorized agent. No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is
1768 required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400, for work to be
1769 performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and
1770 Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such
1771 contractor is clearly marked on the application for the permit, and the
1772 contractor has presented such contractor's certificate of registration as a
1773 home improvement contractor. Prior to the issuance of a permit and
1774 within said thirty-day period, the building official shall review the plans
1775 of buildings or structures to be constructed or altered, including, but not
1776 limited to, plans prepared by an architect licensed pursuant to chapter
1777 390, a professional engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 391 or an
1778 interior designer registered pursuant to chapter 396a acting within the
1779 scope of such license or registration, to determine their compliance with
1780 the requirements of the State Building Code and, where applicable, the
1781 local fire marshal shall review such plans to determine their compliance
1782 with the Fire Safety Code. Such plans submitted for review shall be in
1783 substantial compliance with the provisions of the State Building Code
1784 and, where applicable, with the provisions of the Fire Safety Code.

1785 Sec. 30. Section 29-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1786 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1787 The State Building Inspector may, upon application by a builder
1788 setting forth that a set of plans and specifications will be utilized in more
1789 than one municipality to acquire building permits, review and approve
1790 any set of plans and specifications for the construction or erection of any
1791 building or structure designed to provide dwelling space for not more
1792 than two families if such set of plans and specifications meet the
1793 requirements of the State Building Code. Any building official shall
1794 issue a building permit upon application by a builder and presentation
1795 to him of such a set of plans and specifications bearing the approval of
1796 the State Building Inspector if all other local ordinances are complied
1797 with. Such application may be delivered in person, by mail or electronic
1798 mail, in a manner prescribed by the building official.

1799 Sec. 31. Section 29-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1800 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1801 (a) A board of appeals shall be appointed by each municipality. Such
1802 board shall consist of five members, all of whom shall meet the
1803 qualifications set forth in the State Building Code. A member of a board
1804 of appeals of one municipality may also be a member of the board of
1805 appeals of another municipality.

1806 (b) When the building official rejects or refuses to approve the mode
1807 or manner of construction proposed to be followed or the materials to
1808 be used in the erection or alteration of a building or structure, or when
1809 it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that an
1810 equally good or more desirable form of construction can be employed
1811 in a specific case, or when it is claimed that the true intent and meaning
1812 of the code and regulations have been misconstrued or wrongly
1813 interpreted, or when the building official issues a written order under
1814 subsection (c) of section 29-261, the owner of such building or structure,
1815 whether already erected or to be erected, or his authorized agent may
1816 appeal in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1817 board of appeals, from the decision of the building official to the board
1818 of appeals. When a person other than such owner claims to be aggrieved
1819 by any decision of the building official, such person or his authorized
1820 agent may appeal, in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner
1821 prescribed by the board of appeals, from the decision of the building
1822 official to the board of appeals, and before determining the merits of
1823 such appeal the board of appeals shall first determine whether such
1824 person has a right to appeal. Upon receipt of an appeal from an owner
1825 or his representative or approval of an appeal by a person other than the
1826 owner, the chairman of the board of appeals shall appoint a panel of not
1827 less than three members of such board to hear such appeal. Such appeal
1828 shall be heard in the municipality for which the building official serves
1829 within five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays,
1830 after the date of receipt of such appeal. Such panel shall render a
1831 decision upon the appeal and file the same with the building official
1832 from whom such appeal has been taken not later than five days,
1833 exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, following the day

1834 of the hearing thereon. A copy of such decision shall be mailed, prior to
1835 such filing, to the party taking such appeal. Any person aggrieved by
1836 the decision of a panel may appeal to the Codes and Standards
1837 Committee within fourteen days after the filing of the decision with the
1838 building official. Any determination made by the local panel shall be
1839 subject to review de novo by said committee.

1840 (c) If, at the time that a building official makes a decision under
1841 subsection (b) of this section, there is no board of appeals for the
1842 municipality in which the building official serves, a person who claims
1843 to be aggrieved by such decision may submit an appeal [in writing,] to
1844 the chief executive officer of such municipality. Such appeal may be
1845 made in writing or by electronic mail, in a manner prescribed by the
1846 chief executive officer. If, within five days, exclusive of Saturdays,
1847 Sundays and legal holidays, after the date of receipt of such appeal by
1848 such officer, the municipality fails to appoint a board of appeals from
1849 among either its own residents or residents of other municipalities, such
1850 officer shall file a notice of such failure with the building official from
1851 whom the appeal has been taken and, prior to such filing, mail a copy
1852 of the notice to the person taking the appeal. Such person may appeal
1853 the decision of the building official to the Codes and Standards
1854 Committee within fourteen days after the filing of such notice with the
1855 building official. If the municipality succeeds in appointing a board of
1856 appeals, the chief executive officer of the municipality shall immediately
1857 transmit the written appeal to such board, which shall review the appeal
1858 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

1859 (d) Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards
1860 Committee may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district
1861 where such building or structure has been or is being erected.

1862 Sec. 32. Section 4-124n of the general statutes is repealed and the
1863 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1864 A regional council of governments shall adopt bylaws for the conduct
1865 of its business and shall annually elect from among the representatives

1866 to the council a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer [, who
1867 shall be bonded,] and such other officers as may be designated or
1868 permitted in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for alternate
1869 representatives of the council to attend and vote at any meeting in place
1870 of absent representatives and may provide for the organization of a
1871 regional planning commission. [No representative shall be eligible to
1872 serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.] The bylaws
1873 [shall] may provide for an executive committee of the council and [an
1874 executive committee of the regional planning commission and may
1875 provide] for additional committees including nonvoting advisory
1876 committees. Meetings of the council shall be called [by the chairman or
1877 as the bylaws shall otherwise provide] pursuant to the bylaws and
1878 minutes of all meetings of the council, its committees and other official
1879 actions shall be filed in the office of the council and shall be of public
1880 record.

1881 Sec. 33. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
1882 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1883 (a) For purposes of this section:

1884 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
1885 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

1886 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
1887 borough;

1888 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,
1889 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
1890 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a municipality;

1891 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1892 Management or the designee of the secretary; [and]

1893 (5) "Regional educational service center" has the same meaning as
1894 provided in section 10-282; [.] and

1895 (6) "Employee organization" means any lawful association, labor

1896 organization, federation or council having as a primary purpose the
1897 improvement of wages, hours and other conditions of employment.

1898 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
1899 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1900 Management. [On or before December 31, 2011, and annually thereafter,
1901 any] Any regional council of governments, [any two or more
1902 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any
1903 economic development district, any] regional educational service center
1904 or [any] a combination thereof may submit a proposal to the secretary
1905 for: (1) The [joint] provision of any service that one or more participating
1906 municipalities of such council [,] or local or regional board of education
1907 of such regional educational service center [or agency] currently provide
1908 but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) [a planning study
1909 regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or (3)
1910 shared information technology services] the redistribution of grants
1911 awarded pursuant to sections 4-66g, 4-66h, 4-66m and 7-536, according
1912 to regional priorities, or (3) regional revenue sharing among such
1913 participating municipalities pursuant to section 7-148bb, as amended by
1914 this act. A copy of said proposal shall be sent to the legislators
1915 representing said participating municipalities or local or regional
1916 boards of education. Any [local or regional board of education or]
1917 regional educational service center serving a population greater than
1918 one hundred thousand may submit a proposal to the secretary for a
1919 regional special education initiative.

1920 (c) (1) A regional council of governments [, an economic development
1921 district, a] or regional educational service center [or a local or regional
1922 board of education] shall submit each proposal in the form and manner
1923 the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the following
1924 information for each proposal: (A) Service or initiative description; (B)
1925 the explanation of the need for such service or initiative; (C) the method
1926 of delivering such service or initiative on a regional basis; (D) the
1927 organization that would be responsible for regional service or initiative
1928 delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be served; (F)
1929 the manner in which the proposed regional service or initiative delivery

1930 will achieve economies of scale for participating municipalities or
1931 boards of education; (G) the amount by which participating
1932 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings realized;
1933 (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service or initiative by
1934 each participating municipality and by the entity or board of education
1935 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the
1936 service or initiative on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such
1937 proposal approved by the [legislative] governing body of [each
1938 participating municipality; and (K)] the council or center, which shall
1939 include a statement that not less than twenty-five per cent of the cost of
1940 such proposal shall be funded by the council or center in the first year
1941 of operation, and that by the fourth year of operation the council or
1942 center shall fund one hundred per cent of such cost; (K) a resolution
1943 endorsing such proposal approved by the governing body of the council
1944 of each planning region in which the service or initiative is to be
1945 provided; (L) an acknowledgment from any employee organization that
1946 may be impacted by such proposal that they have been informed of and
1947 consulted about the proposal; and (M) an explanation of the potential
1948 legal obstacles, if any, to the regional provision of the service or
1949 initiative, and how such obstacles will be resolved.

1950 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
1951 for proposals the secretary determines best [meet the requirements of
1952 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority to
1953 a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of this
1954 section that includes participation of all of the member municipalities of
1955 such entity, and which may increase the purchasing power of
1956 participating municipalities or provide a cost savings initiative resulting
1957 in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities, allowing such
1958 municipalities to lower property taxes, (B) any economic development
1959 district, and (C) any local or regional board of education] satisfy the
1960 following criteria: (A) The proposed service or initiative will be
1961 available to or benefit all participating members of the regional council
1962 of governments or regional educational service center regardless of such
1963 members' participation in the grant application process; (B) when

1964 compared to the existing delivery of services by participating members
1965 of the council or center, the proposal demonstrates (i) a positive cost
1966 benefit to such members, (ii) increased efficiency and capacity in the
1967 delivery of services, (iii) a diminished need for state funding, and (iv)
1968 increased cost savings; (C) the proposed service or initiative promotes
1969 cooperation among participating members that may lead to a reduction
1970 in economic or social inequality; (D) the proposal has been approved by
1971 a majority of the members of the council or center and, pursuant to
1972 subsection (c) of this section, contains a statement that not less than
1973 twenty-five per cent of the cost of such proposal shall be funded by the
1974 council or center in the first year of operation, and that by the fourth
1975 year of operation the council or center shall fund one hundred per cent
1976 of such cost; and (E) any employee organizations that may be impacted
1977 by such proposal have been informed of and consulted about such
1978 proposal, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

1979 (d) [On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter until
1980 December 31, 2018, in addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to
1981 this section, any municipality or regional council of governments may
1982 apply to the secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated
1983 with connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network
1984 developed pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at
1985 the same rate as other government entities served by such network; and
1986 (2) capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including
1987 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network
1988 connections required to connect to such network, provided the secretary
1989 shall make any such grant available in accordance with the two-year
1990 schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology
1991 recommends connecting each municipality and regional council of
1992 governments to such network. Any municipality or regional council of
1993 governments shall submit each application in the form and manner the
1994 secretary prescribes.] Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a
1995 to 7-339l, inclusive, or any other provision of the general statutes, no
1996 regional council of governments or regional educational service center
1997 or any member municipalities or local or regional boards of education

1998 of such councils or centers shall be required to execute an interlocal
1999 agreement to implement a proposal submitted pursuant to subsection
2000 (c) of this section.

2001 (e) Any board of education awarded a grant for a proposal submitted
2002 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may deposit any cost savings
2003 realized as a result of the implementation of the proposed service or
2004 initiative into a nonlapsing account pursuant to section 10-248a.

2005 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
2006 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
2007 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
2008 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall (1) include
2009 information on the amount of each grant [,] and the potential of each
2010 grant for leveraging other public and private investments, and (2)
2011 describe any property tax reductions and improved services achieved
2012 by means of the program established pursuant to this section. The
2013 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,
2014 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each
2015 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such fiscal
2016 year. [Such reports shall include the property tax reductions achieved
2017 by means of the program established pursuant to this section.]

2018 Sec. 34. Subsection (b) of section 8-31b of the general statutes is
2019 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2020 *passage*):

2021 (b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in
2022 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision of
2023 the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or
2024 program made available to counties by any other governmental or
2025 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public
2026 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement
2027 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to provide,
2028 alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service, activity or
2029 undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by law to

2030 perform. A regional council of governments established pursuant to this
2031 section may administer and provide regional services to municipalities
2032 by affirmative vote of the member municipalities of such council, and
2033 may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such
2034 municipalities. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-339a to 7-
2035 339l, inclusive, the administration and provision of such services shall
2036 not require the execution of any interlocal agreement. Regional services
2037 provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each
2038 regional council of governments, except as provided in subsection (b) of
2039 section 9-229 and section 9-229b, and may include, without limitation,
2040 the following services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning;
2041 (3) economic development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency
2042 management; (6) animal control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism
2043 promotion; (9) social; (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management;
2044 (13) regional sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16)
2045 household hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility
2046 siting; (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and
2047 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23) regional
2048 resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)
2049 transportation.

2050 Sec. 35. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
2051 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2052 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional
2053 planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
2054 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
2055 required by law to be deposited in the account. Except as provided in
2056 subsection [(d)] (e) of this section, moneys [,] in the account shall be
2057 expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management [in
2058 accordance with subsection (b) of this section] for the purposes of first
2059 providing funding to regional planning organizations in accordance
2060 with the provisions of subsections (b), [and] (c) and (d) of this section
2061 and then to providing grants under the regional performance incentive
2062 program established pursuant to section 4-124s, as amended by this act.

2063 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, funds from the regional
2064 planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional
2065 planning organization, as defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958,
2066 revised to January 1, 2013, in the amount of one hundred twenty-five
2067 thousand dollars. Any regional council of governments that is
2068 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations that
2069 voluntarily consolidate on or before December 31, 2013, shall receive an
2070 additional payment in an amount equal to the amount the regional
2071 planning organizations would have received if such regional planning
2072 organizations had not voluntarily consolidated.

2073 (c) [Beginning in the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30,
2074 2015, [and annually thereafter] to June 30, 2021, inclusive, funds from
2075 the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed to each
2076 regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-124j, in
2077 the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars plus fifty cents
2078 per capita, using population information from the most recent federal
2079 decennial census. Any regional council of governments that is
2080 comprised of any two or more regional planning organizations, as
2081 defined in section 4-124i, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013,
2082 that voluntarily consolidated on or before December 31, 2013, shall
2083 receive a payment in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand
2084 dollars for each such regional planning organization that voluntarily
2085 consolidated on or before said date.

2086 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
2087 thereafter, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be
2088 distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to
2089 section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred eighty-five thousand five
2090 hundred dollars plus sixty-eight cents per capita, using population
2091 information from the most recent federal decennial census.

2092 (2) Not later than July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each regional
2093 council of governments shall submit to the secretary a proposal for
2094 expenditure of the funds described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
2095 Such proposal may include, but need not be limited to, a description of

2096 (A) functions, activities or services currently performed by the state or
2097 municipalities that may be provided in a more efficient, cost-effective,
2098 responsive or higher quality manner by such council, a regional
2099 educational service center or similar regional entity; (B) anticipated cost
2100 savings relating to the sharing of government services, including, but
2101 not limited to, joint purchasing; (C) the standardization and alignment
2102 of various regions of the state; or (D) any other initiatives that may
2103 facilitate the delivery of services to the public in a more efficient, cost-
2104 effective, responsive or higher quality manner.

2105 [(d)] (e) There is established a regionalization subaccount within the
2106 regional planning incentive account. If the Connecticut Lottery
2107 Corporation offers online its existing lottery draw games through the
2108 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application, the
2109 revenue from such online offering that exceeds an amount equivalent to
2110 the costs of the debt-free community college program under section 10a-
2111 174 shall be deposited in the subaccount, or, if such online offering is not
2112 established, the amount provided under subsection (b) of section 364 of
2113 public act 19-117 for regionalization initiatives shall be deposited in the
2114 subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be expended only for the
2115 purposes recommended by the task force established under section 4-
2116 66s.

2117 Sec. 36. Section 4-66r of the general statutes is repealed and the
2118 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2119 (a) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2018, [and each fiscal
2120 year thereafter] and June 30, 2019, each regional council of governments
2121 shall, within available appropriations, receive a grant-in-aid to be
2122 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be based
2123 on a formula to be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy
2124 and Management. No such council shall receive a grant for the fiscal
2125 year ending June 30, 2018, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
2126 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
2127 before November 1, 2017. No such council shall receive a grant for the
2128 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, [or any fiscal year thereafter,] unless the

2129 secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted by
2130 such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2018, [, and annually
2131 thereafter.]

2132 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of public act 19-117,
2133 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter,
2134 each regional council of governments shall receive a grant-in-aid to be
2135 known as a regional services grant, the amount of which shall be
2136 determined pursuant to section 4-66k, as amended by this act. No such
2137 council shall receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or
2138 any fiscal year thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan
2139 for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or
2140 before July 1, 2019, and annually thereafter. The secretary may provide
2141 biennial spending plan approval process guidelines at the secretary's
2142 discretion.

2143 (c) Each regional council of governments shall use such grant funds
2144 for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of
2145 municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services. On
2146 or before October 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, each regional council
2147 of governments shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a,
2148 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
2149 cognizance of matters relating to planning and development and
2150 finance, revenue and bonding, and to the secretary. Such report shall (1)
2151 summarize the expenditure of such grant funds in the prior fiscal year,
2152 (2) describe any regional program, project or initiative currently
2153 provided or planned by the council, (3) review the performance of any
2154 existing regional program, project or initiative relative to its initial goals
2155 and objectives, (4) analyze the existing services provided by member
2156 municipalities or by the state that, in the opinion of the council, could
2157 be more effectively or efficiently provided on a regional basis, and (5)
2158 provide recommendations for legislative action concerning potential
2159 impediments to the regionalization of services.

2160 Sec. 37. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2161 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

2162 (a) For the purposes of this section:

2163 (1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during
2164 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

2165 (2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a
2166 municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;

2167 (3) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and city
2168 or consolidated town and borough. "Municipality" includes a district for
2169 the purposes of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section;

2170 (4) "Municipal spending" means:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{T17} & \text{Municipal} & \text{Municipal} \\
 \text{T18} & \text{spending for} & \text{spending for} \\
 \text{T19} & \text{the fiscal year} & \text{the fiscal year} \\
 \text{T20} & \text{prior to the} & - \text{two years} \\
 \text{T21} & \text{current fiscal} & \text{prior to the} \\
 \text{T22} & \text{year} & \text{current year} \\
 \text{T23} & \frac{\text{Municipal spending for the fiscal}}{\text{year two years prior to the}} & \times 100 \text{ Municipal} \\
 \text{T24} & & \text{spending;} \\
 \text{T25} & & \\
 \text{T26} & &
 \end{array}$$

2171 (5) "Per capita distribution" means:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{T27} & \text{Municipal population} & \\
 \text{T28} & \frac{\text{Municipal population}}{\text{Total state population}} & \times \text{Sales tax revenue} = \text{Per capita distribution} \\
 \text{T29} & &
 \end{array}$$

2172 (6) "Pro rata distribution" means:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{T30} & \text{Municipal weighted} & \\
 \text{T31} & \text{mill rate calculation} & \times \text{Sales tax revenue} = \text{Pro rata distribution;} \\
 \text{T32} & \frac{\text{Municipal weighted mill rate calculation}}{\text{Total state population}} &
 \end{array}$$

T33 Sum of all municipal
T34 weighted mill rate
T35 calculations combined

2173 (7) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
2174 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

2175 (8) "Municipal population" means the number of persons in a
2176 municipality according to the most recent estimate of the Department of
2177 Public Health;

2178 (9) "Total state population" means the number of persons in this state
2179 according to the most recent estimate published by the Department of
2180 Public Health;

2181 (10) "Weighted mill rate" means a municipality's FY 15 mill rate
2182 divided by the average of all municipalities' FY 15 mill rate;

2183 (11) "Weighted mill rate calculation" means per capita distribution
2184 multiplied by a municipality's weighted mill rate;

2185 (12) "Sales tax revenue" means the moneys in the account remaining
2186 for distribution pursuant to subdivision [(7)] (6) of subsection (b) of this
2187 section;

2188 (13) "District" means any district, as defined in section 7-324; and

2189 (14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
2190 Management.

2191 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
2192 revenue sharing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
2193 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
2194 required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set
2195 aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following
2196 order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

2197 (1) Ten million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall
2198 be transferred not later than April fifteenth for the purposes of grants
2199 under section 10-262h;

2200 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2201 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants
2202 payable to municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
2203 be expended not later than August first annually by the secretary;

2204 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2205 thereafter, moneys sufficient to make the grants payable from the select
2206 payment in lieu of taxes grant account established pursuant to section
2207 12-18c shall annually be transferred to the select payment in lieu of taxes
2208 account in the Office of Policy and Management;

2209 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019,
2210 moneys sufficient to make the municipal revenue sharing grants
2211 payable to municipalities pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d)
2212 of this section shall be expended not later than October thirty-first
2213 annually by the secretary;

2214 [(5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2215 thereafter, seven million dollars shall be expended for the purposes of
2216 the regional services grants pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to
2217 the regional councils of governments;]

2218 [(6)] (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2219 thereafter, moneys may be expended for the purpose of supplemental
2220 motor vehicle property tax grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this
2221 section; and

2222 [(7)] (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
2223 thereafter, moneys in the account remaining shall be expended annually
2224 by the secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue sharing
2225 grants established pursuant to subsection [(f)] (d) of this section. Any
2226 such moneys deposited in the account for municipal revenue sharing
2227 grants between October first and June thirtieth shall be distributed to

2228 municipalities on the following October first and any such moneys
2229 deposited in the account between July first and September thirtieth shall
2230 be distributed to municipalities on the following January thirty-first.
2231 Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and Management
2232 on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of such grant.
2233 The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an application
2234 if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a municipality
2235 to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement approved by said
2236 office may be issued later than September thirtieth.

2237 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, motor vehicle property
2238 tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and
2239 personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 39 mills or
2240 that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the
2241 municipality, impose mill rates greater than 39 mills, shall be made in
2242 an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes
2243 levied by the municipality and any district located within the
2244 municipality on motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing
2245 October 1, 2013, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
2246 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was 39 mills.

2247 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
2248 thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities that
2249 impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than
2250 motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the
2251 mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill
2252 rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the
2253 difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the
2254 municipality and any district located within the municipality on motor
2255 vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, and the
2256 amount such levy would have been if the mill rate on motor vehicles for
2257 said assessment year was 45 mills.

2258 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, any municipality that
2259 imposed a mill rate for real and personal property of more than 39 mills
2260 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and effected a revaluation of

2261 real property for the 2014 or 2015 assessment year that resulted in an
 2262 increase of 4 or more mills over the prior mill rate, may apply to the
 2263 Office of Policy and Management for a supplemental motor vehicle
 2264 property tax grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve
 2265 such an application, within available funds, provided such
 2266 supplemental grant does not reduce any amount payable to any other
 2267 municipality.

2268 (4) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax
 2269 grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
 2270 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
 2271 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

2272 [(d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, each municipality
 2273 shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant, which shall be payable
 2274 August 1, 2016, from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established
 2275 in section 4-66p. The total amount of the grant payable is as follows:

T36	Municipality	Grant Amount
T37	Andover	66,705
T38	Ansonia	605,442
T39	Ashford	87,248
T40	Avon	374,711
T41	Barkhamsted	76,324
T42	Beacon Falls	123,341
T43	Berlin	843,048
T44	Bethany	114,329
T45	Bethel	392,605
T46	Bethlehem	42,762
T47	Bloomfield	438,458
T48	Bolton	106,449
T49	Bozrah	53,783
T50	Branford	570,402
T51	Bridgeport	14,476,283
T52	Bridgewater	15,670
T53	Bristol	1,276,119

T54	Brookfield	343,611
T55	Brooklyn	103,910
T56	Burlington	193,490
T57	Canaan	14,793
T58	Canterbury	58,684
T59	Canton	211,078
T60	Chaplin	48,563
T61	Cheshire	594,084
T62	Chester	57,736
T63	Clinton	268,611
T64	Colchester	330,363
T65	Colebrook	29,694
T66	Columbia	111,276
T67	Cornwall	11,269
T68	Coventry	252,939
T69	Cromwell	288,951
T70	Danbury	2,079,675
T71	Darien	171,485
T72	Deep River	93,525
T73	Derby	462,718
T74	Durham	150,019
T75	East Granby	106,222
T76	East Haddam	186,418
T77	East Hampton	263,149
T78	East Hartford	3,877,281
T79	East Haven	593,493
T80	East Lyme	243,736
T81	East Windsor	232,457
T82	Eastford	23,060
T83	Easton	155,216
T84	Ellington	321,722
T85	Enfield	911,974
T86	Essex	74,572
T87	Fairfield	795,318
T88	Farmington	335,287

T89	Franklin	26,309
T90	Glastonbury	754,546
T91	Goshen	30,286
T92	Granby	244,839
T93	Greenwich	366,588
T94	Griswold	243,727
T95	Groton	433,177
T96	Guilford	456,863
T97	Haddam	170,440
T98	Hamden	4,491,337
T99	Hampton	38,070
T100	Hartford	13,908,437
T101	Hartland	27,964
T102	Harwinton	113,987
T103	Hebron	208,666
T104	Kent	26,808
T105	Killingly	351,213
T106	Killingworth	85,270
T107	Lebanon	149,163
T108	Ledyard	307,619
T109	Lisbon	45,413
T110	Litchfield	169,828
T111	Lyme	21,862
T112	Madison	372,897
T113	Manchester	1,972,491
T114	Mansfield	525,280
T115	Marlborough	131,065
T116	Meriden	1,315,347
T117	Middlebury	154,299
T118	Middlefield	91,372
T119	Middletown	964,657
T120	Milford	1,880,830
T121	Monroe	404,221
T122	Montville	401,756
T123	Morris	28,110

T124	Naugatuck	2,405,660
T125	New Britain	5,781,991
T126	New Canaan	168,106
T127	New Fairfield	288,278
T128	New Hartford	140,338
T129	New Haven	2,118,290
T130	New London	750,249
T131	New Milford	565,898
T132	Newington	651,000
T133	Newtown	572,949
T134	Norfolk	20,141
T135	North Branford	292,517
T136	North Canaan	66,052
T137	North Haven	487,882
T138	North Stonington	107,832
T139	Norwalk	3,401,590
T140	Norwich	1,309,943
T141	Old Lyme	79,946
T142	Old Saybrook	101,527
T143	Orange	284,365
T144	Oxford	171,492
T145	Plainfield	310,350
T146	Plainville	363,176
T147	Plymouth	255,581
T148	Pomfret	54,257
T149	Portland	192,715
T150	Preston	58,934
T151	Prospect	197,097
T152	Putnam	76,399
T153	Redding	189,781
T154	Ridgefield	512,848
T155	Rocky Hill	405,872
T156	Roxbury	15,998
T157	Salem	85,617
T158	Salisbury	20,769

T159	Scotland	36,200
T160	Seymour	343,388
T161	Sharon	19,467
T162	Shelton	706,038
T163	Sherman	39,000
T164	Simsbury	567,460
T165	Somers	141,697
T166	South Windsor	558,715
T167	Southbury	404,731
T168	Southington	889,821
T169	Sprague	89,456
T170	Stafford	243,095
T171	Stamford	2,372,358
T172	Sterling	77,037
T173	Stonington	202,888
T174	Stratford	1,130,316
T175	Suffield	321,763
T176	Thomaston	158,888
T177	Thompson	114,582
T178	Tolland	303,971
T179	Torrington	2,435,109
T180	Trumbull	745,325
T181	Union	17,283
T182	Vernon	641,027
T183	Voluntown	33,914
T184	Wallingford	919,984
T185	Warren	11,006
T186	Washington	25,496
T187	Waterbury	13,438,542
T188	Waterford	259,091
T189	Watertown	453,012
T190	West Hartford	1,614,320
T191	West Haven	1,121,850
T192	Westbrook	80,601
T193	Weston	211,384

T194	Westport	262,402
T195	Wethersfield	940,267
T196	Willington	121,568
T197	Wilton	380,234
T198	Winchester	224,447
T199	Windham	513,847
T200	Windsor	593,921
T201	Windsor Locks	256,241
T202	Wolcott	340,859
T203	Woodbridge	247,758
T204	Woodbury	200,175
T205	Woodstock	97,708
T206	Borough of Danielson	-
T207	Borough of Litchfield	-
T208	Bloomfield, Blue Hills FD	92,961
T209	Enfield Thompsonville FD #2	354,311
T210	Manchester - Eighth Utility District	436,718
T211	Middletown - City Fire	910,442
T212	Middletown So Fire	413,961
T213	Norwich CCD	552,565
T214	Norwich TCD	62,849
T215	Simsbury FD	221,536
T216	Plainfield Fire District	-
T217	Windham, Special Service District #2	640,000
T218	Windham 1st Taxing District	-
T219	Windham First	
T220	West Haven First Center (D1)	1,039,843
T221	West Haven: Allingtown FD (D3)	483,505
T222	West Haven: West Shore FD (D2)	654,640

2276 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, each
2277 municipality shall receive a municipal sharing grant payable not later
2278 than October thirty-first of each year. The total amount of the grant
2279 payable is as follows:

		Grant Amount
T223	Municipality	
T224	Andover	96,020
T225	Ansonia	643,519
T226	Ashford	125,591
T227	Avon	539,387
T228	Barkhamsted	109,867
T229	Beacon Falls	177,547
T230	Berlin	1,213,548
T231	Bethany	164,574
T232	Bethel	565,146
T233	Bethlehem	61,554
T234	Bloomfield	631,150
T235	Bolton	153,231
T236	Bozrah	77,420
T237	Branford	821,080
T238	Bridgeport	9,758,441
T239	Bridgewater	22,557
T240	Bristol	1,836,944
T241	Brookfield	494,620
T242	Brooklyn	149,576
T243	Burlington	278,524
T244	Canaan	21,294
T245	Canterbury	84,475
T246	Canton	303,842
T247	Chaplin	69,906
T248	Cheshire	855,170
T249	Chester	83,109
T250	Clinton	386,660
T251	Colchester	475,551
T252	Colebrook	42,744
T253	Columbia	160,179
T254	Cornwall	16,221
T255	Coventry	364,100
T256	Cromwell	415,938
T257	Danbury	2,993,644

T258	Darien	246,849
T259	Deep River	134,627
T260	Derby	400,912
T261	Durham	215,949
T262	East Granby	152,904
T263	East Haddam	268,344
T264	East Hampton	378,798
T265	East Hartford	2,036,894
T266	East Haven	854,319
T267	East Lyme	350,852
T268	East Windsor	334,616
T269	Eastford	33,194
T270	Easton	223,430
T271	Ellington	463,112
T272	Enfield	1,312,766
T273	Essex	107,345
T274	Fairfield	1,144,842
T275	Farmington	482,637
T276	Franklin	37,871
T277	Glastonbury	1,086,151
T278	Goshen	43,596
T279	Granby	352,440
T280	Greenwich	527,695
T281	Griswold	350,840
T282	Groton	623,548
T283	Guilford	657,644
T284	Haddam	245,344
T285	Hamden	2,155,661
T286	Hampton	54,801
T287	Hartford	1,498,643
T288	Hartland	40,254
T289	Harwinton	164,081
T290	Hebron	300,369
T291	Kent	38,590
T292	Killingly	505,562

T293	Killingworth	122,744
T294	Lebanon	214,717
T295	Ledyard	442,811
T296	Lisbon	65,371
T297	Litchfield	244,464
T298	Lyme	31,470
T299	Madison	536,777
T300	Manchester	1,971,540
T301	Mansfield	756,128
T302	Marlborough	188,665
T303	Meriden	1,893,412
T304	Middlebury	222,109
T305	Middlefield	131,529
T306	Middletown	1,388,602
T307	Milford	2,707,412
T308	Monroe	581,867
T309	Montville	578,318
T310	Morris	40,463
T311	Naugatuck	1,251,980
T312	New Britain	3,131,893
T313	New Canaan	241,985
T314	New Fairfield	414,970
T315	New Hartford	202,014
T316	New Haven	114,863
T317	New London	917,228
T318	New Milford	814,597
T319	Newington	937,100
T320	Newtown	824,747
T321	Norfolk	28,993
T322	North Branford	421,072
T323	North Canaan	95,081
T324	North Haven	702,295
T325	North Stonington	155,222
T326	Norwalk	4,896,511
T327	Norwich	1,362,971

T328	Old Lyme	115,080
T329	Old Saybrook	146,146
T330	Orange	409,337
T331	Oxford	246,859
T332	Plainfield	446,742
T333	Plainville	522,783
T334	Plymouth	367,902
T335	Pomfret	78,101
T336	Portland	277,409
T337	Preston	84,835
T338	Prospect	283,717
T339	Putnam	109,975
T340	Redding	273,185
T341	Ridgefield	738,233
T342	Rocky Hill	584,244
T343	Roxbury	23,029
T344	Salem	123,244
T345	Salisbury	29,897
T346	Scotland	52,109
T347	Seymour	494,298
T348	Sharon	28,022
T349	Shelton	1,016,326
T350	Sherman	56,139
T351	Simsbury	775,368
T352	Somers	203,969
T353	South Windsor	804,258
T354	Southbury	582,601
T355	Southington	1,280,877
T356	Sprague	128,769
T357	Stafford	349,930
T358	Stamford	3,414,955
T359	Sterling	110,893
T360	Stonington	292,053
T361	Stratford	1,627,064
T362	Suffield	463,170

T363	Thomaston	228,716
T364	Thompson	164,939
T365	Tolland	437,559
T366	Torrington	1,133,394
T367	Trumbull	1,072,878
T368	Union	24,878
T369	Vernon	922,743
T370	Voluntown	48,818
T371	Wallingford	1,324,296
T372	Warren	15,842
T373	Washington	36,701
T374	Waterbury	5,595,448
T375	Waterford	372,956
T376	Watertown	652,100
T377	West Hartford	2,075,223
T378	West Haven	1,614,877
T379	Westbrook	116,023
T380	Weston	304,282
T381	Westport	377,722
T382	Wethersfield	1,353,493
T383	Willington	174,995
T384	Wilton	547,338
T385	Winchester	323,087
T386	Windham	739,671
T387	Windsor	854,935
T388	Windsor Locks	368,853
T389	Wolcott	490,659
T390	Woodbridge	274,418
T391	Woodbury	288,147
T392	Woodstock	140,648

2280 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year
2281 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall receive a regional
2282 services grant, the amount of which will be based on a formula to be

determined by the secretary, except that, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, thirty-five per cent of such grant moneys shall be awarded to regional councils of governments for the purpose of assisting regional education service centers in merging their human resource, finance or technology services with such services provided by municipalities within the region. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, three million dollars shall be expended by the secretary from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund established in section 4-66p for the purpose of the regional services grant. No such council shall receive a grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or any fiscal year thereafter, unless the secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted by such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2017, and annually thereafter. The regional councils of governments shall use such grants for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services by regionalizing such services, including, but not limited to, region-wide consolidation of such services. Such efficiencies shall not diminish the quality of such services. A unanimous vote of the representatives of such council shall be required for approval of any expenditure from such grant. On or before October 1, 2017, and biennially thereafter, each such council shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development and finance, revenue and bonding. Such report shall summarize the expenditure of such grants and provide recommendations concerning the expansion, reduction or modification of such grants.]

[(f)] (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant as follows:

(1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is higher for such municipality.

(B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as

2316 follows:

T393 Sum of per capita distribution amount
 T394 for all municipalities having a mill rate
 T395 below twenty-five – pro rata distribution
 T396 amount for all municipalities
 T397 having a mill rate below twenty-five

T398
 T399 Sum of all grants to municipalities
 T400 calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
 T401 of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

2317 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
 2318 this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the
 2319 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
 2320 subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the
 2321 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
 2322 subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the
 2323 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
 2324 subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the
 2325 equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess
 2326 funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford,
 2327 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other
 2328 municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata
 2329 basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this
 2330 subdivision; and

2331 (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive
 2332 the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for
 2333 such municipality.

2334 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate
 2335 for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

2336 [(g)] (e) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
 2337 municipality may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds

2338 to a district within such municipality.

2339 [(h)] (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
2340 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter,
2341 the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in
2342 accordance with subsection (d) [or (f)] of this section shall be reduced if
2343 such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such
2344 fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget
2345 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or
2346 more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall
2347 be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the
2348 cap set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, (A)
2349 "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
2350 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,
2351 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
2352 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
2353 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
2354 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or [(g)] (e) of this section,
2355 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
2356 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted
2357 budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's
2358 general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C)
2359 "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one
2360 hundred thousand dollars or more. Each municipality shall annually
2361 certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by said secretary, whether
2362 such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this subsection and
2363 if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded.

2364 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
2365 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
2366 in accordance with subsection (d) or [(f)] (e) of this section shall not be
2367 reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted budget
2368 expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this
2369 subsection by an amount proportionate to any increase to its municipal
2370 population from the previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.

2371 [(i)] (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
2372 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
2373 in accordance with subsection [(f)] (d) of this section shall be reduced
2374 proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year
2375 exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue
2376 sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

2377 Sec. 38. (NEW) (*Effective April 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this
2378 section, "beverage" includes alcoholic liquor or an alcoholic beverage, as
2379 defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, "food establishment"
2380 means a food establishment that is licensed or permitted to operate
2381 pursuant to section 19a-36i of the general statutes, and "municipality"
2382 has the same meaning as provided in section 8-1a of the general statutes.

2383 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special act,
2384 municipal charter or ordinance, the zoning commission of each
2385 municipality shall allow any licensee or permittee of a food
2386 establishment operating in such municipality to engage in outdoor food
2387 and beverage service as an accessory use of such food establishment's
2388 permitted use. Such accessory use shall be allowed as of right, subject
2389 only to any required administrative site plan review to determine
2390 conformance with zoning requirements not contemplated by this
2391 section, provided such accessory use would not result in the expansion
2392 of a nonconforming use.

2393 (c) Any such licensee or permittee may engage in outdoor food and
2394 beverage service (1) on public sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways
2395 abutting the area permitted for principal use and on which vehicular
2396 access is not allowed, (A) provided a pathway (i) is constructed in
2397 compliance with physical accessibility guidelines, as applicable, under
2398 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, et seq., as
2399 amended from time to time, and (ii) such pathway extends for the length
2400 of the lot upon which the area permitted for principal use is located, and
2401 not less than four feet in width, not including any area on a street or
2402 highway, shall remain unobstructed for pedestrian use, and (B) subject
2403 to reasonable conditions imposed by the municipal official or agency

2404 that issues right-of-way or obstruction permits; (2) on off-street parking
2405 spaces associated with the permitted use, notwithstanding any
2406 municipal ordinance or zoning regulation establishing minimum
2407 requirements for off-street parking; (3) on any lot, yard, court or open
2408 space abutting the area permitted for principal use, provided (A) such
2409 lot, yard, court or open space is located in a zoning district where the
2410 operation of food establishments is permitted, (B) such use is in
2411 compliance with any applicable requirements for access or pathways
2412 pursuant to physical accessibility guidelines under the federal
2413 Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101, et seq., as amended from
2414 time to time, and (C) the licensee or permittee obtains written
2415 authorization to engage in such service from the owner of such lot, yard,
2416 court or open space and provides a copy of such authorization to the
2417 zoning commission; and (4) until 9 o'clock p.m., or a time established by
2418 the zoning commission of the municipality, whichever is later.

2419 Sec. 39. (*Effective from passage*) Section 5 of substitute house bill 6318
2420 of the current session shall take effect October 1, 2021.

2421 Sec. 40. Subsection (a) of section 32-37 of the general statutes is
2422 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2423 *2021*):

2424 (a) The powers of the corporation shall be vested in and exercised by
2425 the board of directors. Eight members of the board shall constitute a
2426 quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present
2427 at a meeting of the board shall be necessary and sufficient for any action
2428 taken by the board. No vacancy in the membership of the board shall
2429 impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all
2430 the duties of the board. Any action taken by the board may be
2431 authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting and shall take
2432 effect immediately unless otherwise provided in the resolution. Notice
2433 of any regular meeting shall be given in writing, by telephone or orally,
2434 not less than forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. Notice of any special
2435 meeting shall be given in accordance with subsection [(d)] (e) of section
2436 1-225, as amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-200
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-206
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-225
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-227
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-228
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	7-7
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	7-8
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	1-232
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-34a
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-51a
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148j
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148k
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148bb
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-148ii
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-152b
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-245
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-255
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-257
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-111
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-117
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170f(a)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170g
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170w(a)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	12-170aa
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-170cc
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-263(a)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-264
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-266
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-124n
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	4-124s
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	8-31b(b)
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66k
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66r
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	4-66l

Sec. 38	<i>April 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	32-37(a)